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THE WEATHER: Moderate E.S.E. winds. Cloudy with sea fog at first. Fair periods during the afternoon. The fog will return again this evening. Warm and humid.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Salisbury Resigns

THE decision of the Marquess of Salisbury to resign from the Government is widely regarded as an indication of a fundamental split in the Conservative ranks. It would be pointless to question this, though a split suggests that dissidents are prepared to put their convictions above party loyalty, and there is as yet no evidence of this. Let it be called a difference or a division. And as long as the right-wing remains a pressure group the Conservatives need have no fear of being toppled out of office, even if several do abstain from voting on any motion criticising the Premier's agreements at the recent Bermuda talks.

A few points ought to be made in connection with Lord Salisbury's resignation: it is not his first. He resigned in 1938 in protest against the Chamberlain Government's appeasement of Fascist Italy. Again, Lord Salisbury is not, or rather was not before Friday, the recognised leader of any known rebel group in the Conservative Party. Had he been so it is doubtful whether the Queen would have consulted him in choosing a new Prime Minister when Sir Anthony Eden resigned.

UNDOUBTEDLY Lord Salisbury's views coincide fairly closely with those of the right-wing group on certain foreign policy issues, but there are several indications that the resignation was an individual act. In his letter to the Prime Minister he carefully uses the first person singular throughout and never does he suggest that he is speaking for anyone else.

Also it is doubtful if opposition to the decision to free Archbishop Makarios would be made by a wholesale walk-out after the event; it is much more likely that it would have taken the form of concerted lobbying which it was announced that Field Marshal Harding was flying from Cyprus to London to discuss the Eoka offer to suspend terrorism during political negotiations on the island's future.

The rebels may indeed have done this, but if the result of it is only one resignation then it is clear that the majority feel that a major revolt could only result in a Government defeat which in the present mood of the country would certainly end in the election of a Socialist Government. Such a decisive stroke would undoubtedly demonstrate the intensity of their convictions, but the effect would be suicidal. It is also doubtful whether the ensuing change in foreign policy would be satisfactory to them.

BY remaining within the party, however, the rebels have what appears to be a good chance of gaining support for a more decisive foreign policy centred around the Commonwealth rather than the United States—and while there is life, there is hope.

The series of recent by-election setbacks and the large number of abstentions in the Rent Bill vote, coming on top of last year's torrid political events, should tend now to strengthen rather than weaken party unity. About two years remain for the Conservatives before the next elections fall due and much can be done in this time to improve their standing in the eyes of the electorate. The impression one gains is that Mr Macmillan understands what is at stake and is in no mood for major compromises with any fighting dissidents. The fact that he is closer to the way of thinking than the logical contender for the Premiership, Mr R. A. Butler, should also encourage, not discourage support for him.

"HALF-REVOLT" BY CONSERVATIVE BACK-BENCHERS THREAT

London, Mar. 31.

Back-bench Conservatives threatened Prime Minister Harold Macmillan with a "half-revolt" tonight on the eve of his first Parliamentary test since "kingmaker" Lord Salisbury's resignation rocked the Cabinet.

Their complaint is "appeasement"—of the extremists in Cyprus, the Americans in Bermuda and the Egyptians in Suez and Gaza.

Reports circulated that a few Right-wing Conservatives may withhold their support from Macmillan if the Socialists force a vote tomorrow night on his official Bermuda conference report.

The Marquess of Salisbury, who more than any other individual influenced Mac-

millan's choice as Prime Minister two months ago, upset the Conservative Party on Friday by quitting as Lord President of the Council and Conservative leader of the Lords.

He attacked the Cabinet's decision to release Archbishop Makarios from detention in the Seychelles Island. Lord Salisbury's resignation was the biggest shock since Anthony Eden quit Neville Chamberlain over appeasement in 1938.

The potential crisis broke while Mr Macmillan was away for the weekend and there was no authoritative indication how many might abstain on the possible Bermuda vote tomorrow night.

Abstention on such an important vote would be a difficult decision for any member of the Conservative Party. Politicians called it a potential "half-revolt" because the worst that might happen would be a number of abstentions rather than hostile votes.

There was no expectation whatsoever that enough MPs would walk party discipline to bring Macmillan down. Commentators agreed that the crack opened by Lord Salisbury would have to widen much further before the government is in danger. The Socialists themselves helped counteract the pressure on Macmillan by admitting the frankly political motives of Britain's mushrooming two-

week-old strike of ship-building and engineering workers. In all some 1.7 million workers were out and more will be joining the walkout this week under the 40 unions' "snowball" tactics to win a 10 per cent pay increase.

Some Conservatives were known to be unhappy over the outcome of Bermuda. They attributed the government's release of Archbishop Makarios to pressure from President Eisenhower and protested the fact that American technicians will maintain control over any atomic warheads shipped to Britain under the Bermuda missile agreement. Macmillan can expect further outbursts when

Britain announces this week, as it must, that British ships will accept Egyptian terms for use of the Suez Canal. Once again this is blamed on American pressure.

It had not yet been decided whether Socialist opposition leader Hugh Gaitskell will call for a vote at the end of the Bermuda debate in the House of Commons.

Unless there is one, the Conservatives will be deprived of an immediate opportunity to register their opposition to last week's developments.

Conservative MP Angus Maude voiced the Right-wing discontent today in Lord Beaverbrook's Sunday Express. "We have had to watch Eisenhower and Dulles squeezing the

last drop of humiliation from our defeat..." he said.—United Press.

"GOVT MUST GO"

London, Mar. 31.

Several thousand miners today marched behind three Labour Members of Parliament in Swansea, Wales, in protest against the new rate law. Similar demonstrations were held throughout Wales.

Percy Morris, Member of Parliament from Swansea, told the miners, "The time has come when we must be prepared to march in the streets and raise our voices aloud in protest. This Government has failed not only nationally, but internationally as well. Unless there is a change in government, there can be a third world war in almost a twinkling of an eye."

D. J. Williams, Member of Parliament from Neath, declared that the Government has lost the right to govern, and it seems they have lost the will to govern.

He charged that the Cabinet was divided and had "lost the confidence of Britain and shattered Britain's prestige in the world."—France-Press.

Sumatra Revolt Quashed, Claim

Djakarta, Mar. 31.

The military commander of South Sumatra announced tonight he had quashed an attempt by a number of officers to "go against the military hierarchy," and that these officers had fled from Palembang, capital of the province.

Commander Colonel Barlian made the announcement over Radio Palembang after the situation in the capital was reported here to be "critical."

A military regime took over administrative power in South Sumatra earlier this month.

EARLIER EVENTS

This was one of a series of moves, beginning last December, in which the control of the central government in Djakarta was challenged by all Sumatra, the Celebes, the Moluccas and lesser Sumatra islands.

In all these regions local military leaders took over the administrations expressing dissatisfaction with the central government.

On March 15, President Sukarno placed Indonesia under martial law following the fall of the government after the long period of political unrest.—Reuter.

EXPLOSIVE LOOT

Verden, Germany, Mar. 31.

A married couple who robbed a farm labourer today, up their own home with their loot, the police said today.

The couple, with two friends, beat up the farm labourer and robbed him of 200 marks. They also took a small paper packet he was carrying.

When the pair returned to their home, they stuffed their muddy, blood-soaked clothes into the stove to destroy them. Absent-mindedly, they tossed the parcel into the stove as well.

Within a few minutes a blinding explosion ripped through the shack, burning the pair in the face and arms and wrecking the house, but leaving their children, aged one and three, unharmed.

The victim of the robbery in hospital from the beating, explained that the parcel had contained powder for blasting rocks on the farm.—United Press.

Paris, April 1.

The appointment of General Hans Speidel, former Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, as Commander of Allied Forces in Central Europe becomes effective today.—Reuter.

US REPLIES TO NASSER'S CANAL MEMORANDUM SHORT-RANGE PLAN URGED

Russia Fumes Over Bermuda Decisions

London, Mar. 31.

The Soviet foreign ministry said in a statement tonight that decisions taken at the Anglo-American Bermuda conference increased international tension and the "threat of a new war."

The statement according to Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said "The governments of the United States and Great Britain have taken the course of direct preparation for atomic war."

The Soviet government stressed the "dangerous consequences of this course and the heavy responsibility which the United States and Great Britain assume in announcing their intention of making it the cornerstone of their foreign policy," the statement said.

President Eisenhower and Mr Harold Macmillan had concluded "secret agreements" on several questions, it said, adding that in effect neither the United States nor the British government had denied this.—Reuter.

IKE TOLD, "YOU'RE THE ONE MAN TO SAVE AID PROGRAMME"

Washington, Mar. 31.

Senator Richard Neuberger (Democrat-Oregon), said today that "only one man—President Eisenhower"—could save the administration's foreign aid programme from being killed in Congress.

In an interview with American reporters, he called on the President to make a series of speeches to "help some of us who are resisting heavy political pressure to defend the President's own programme."

He made the appeal as a special Senate committee studying foreign aid prepared to resume hearings tomorrow on the President's 4,400 million dollar (about 2,150 million sterling) mutual assistance programme.

Some members of both the House of Representatives and Senate were calling for cuts ranging from 1,000 million to 2,000 million dollars (about 2,357 million to 2,714 million sterling) in the programme, for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Senator Neuberger said his suggestion was based on the fact that President Eisenhower, at his press conference last Wednesday, "at long last and belatedly finally defended the so-called foreign aid provisions in the administration budget."

ADAMANT

One of the leading opponents of the stockpiling funds, Mr Michael Khrwan (Democrat-Ohio), told reporters he would never agree to restoring a penny of it.

Mr Clarence Cannon, chairman of the House appropriations committee, said he was willing to hold out against the Senate restoration "until Christmas."

Mr Khrwan said the administration had accepted the minerals money had no defence justification because stockpiles were full. He said most of the 30 million would be used to buy tungsten and that there was a 20-year supply of this in the stockpile for all national needs.—Reuter.

UN's Six Principles Reaffirmed

Washington, Mar. 31.

The United States has informed Egypt that it continues to support Western proposals for a short-range solution of the Suez Canal dispute, authoritative sources said today.

Washington's first comment on President Nasser's plan for Egyptian operation and management of the canal were transmitted by Mr Raymond Hare, the US Ambassador, to Dr Mahmoud Fawzi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, in Cairo this weekend.

President Nasser's plan, outlined in a memorandum to the United States and other countries, omitted any reference to the six principles for canal operation adopted by the United Nations Security Council last October.

It called for advancement payment of canal tolls to the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority. Mr Hare was instructed to tell the Egyptian Foreign Minister that the United States had not changed its position on either the six principles or the canal tolls questions.

The United States was understood to have asked that the plan should be based on the six principles, the most important of which was that operations of the canal should be insulated from the politics of any one country.

Tolls Proposal

The United States was also said to have told Egypt that it stood by the proposal that half of the canal tolls should be held in escrow by the World Bank, with the other half going to Cairo to offset canal operational costs.

Authoritative sources here said that Washington comments could not be described as a rejection of President Nasser's memorandum. They said that President Nasser had presented Egypt's plan as a basis for comment and possible negotiation.

They insisted that Mr Hare's approach in Cairo this weekend was the first of several exchanges of views planned with the Egyptian government aimed to take place within the next few days.

Point By Point

The initial United States reply was said to have dealt point by point with the memorandum.

Clubs And Fire Hoses Used On Students

Santiago, Chile, Mar. 31.

University students touched off new demonstrations against the police today, but the police beat them down with clubs and fire hoses.

It was the second day in a row that police tangled with angry mobs who stoned buses, trams and even private cars. Police opened fire with machine-guns yesterday when a crowd tried to liberate several men who had been arrested.

Although police said they tried to fire over the heads of the demonstrators, two men were killed by machine-gun bullets.

The Minister of Interior, Colonel Benjamin Videla, today ordered security patrols to suppress energetically all new disorders, such as those which erupted yesterday in Santiago, Valparaiso, Concepcion and other large Chilean cities.

REDS BLAMED

The authorities said students touched off most of the demonstrations but charged that the Communists were responsible for stirring up the unrest and prolonging it.

Following Labour leaders said police led a union leader, Clotario Blest, and six other persons today while they were meeting secretly in a private home. The report was not confirmed by Santiago police.

President Carlos Ibanez, who was visiting Talca, in Central Chile, rushed back to the capital because of the emergency.—United Press.

Three Escape To Freedom

Vienna, Mar. 31.

A Hungarian, Laszlo Pal, drove his diesel engine at 55 miles an hour over the Austrian border today and asked for political asylum.

He crossed the frontier at Wulka-Friedersdorf in the Burgenland province.—Reuter.

JUMP FROM TRAIN

Hot West Germany, Mar. 31.

Two members of a Hungarian boxing team jumped off a train taking them back to Hungary as it was moving out of the station here today and asked for political asylum.

The boxers, light-heavyweight Jozsef Sipocz and featherweight Jozsef Peto, were in the "East German" boxing team which has just completed a tour of West Germany.

They said they did not want to return to Hungary for political reasons.—China Mail Special.

Paris, Mar. 31.

The International Air Transport Association announced here tonight that it plans to increase fares on European routes by a maximum of five per cent from May 1.—Reuter.

MOUNTAIN HERMIT ON THEFT CHARGES

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

Oosaka police said today a jilted lover who turned mountain hermit three years ago was awaiting trial for stealing quarry workers' tools and selling them for food.

The 30-year-old hermit sold his household goods early in 1954 after his sweetheart left him for another.

He went into the hills near Mount Omine, a mountain forbidden to women by local superstition in south-western Japan, built a small hut, lived with the birds and studied botany.

The first summer he lived on fish, snakes, wild chestnuts and small game. As winter came on, he found nature's food harder to get.

He stole a pickaxe from a quarry to level grounds for a new hut. Constables troubled him for a few days, but hunger persuaded him to "go the whole hog" and steal more to get food.

For years he stole specialising in quarry workers' tools which he sold to buy food. Last month he was caught taking tools from a stone pit.—Reuter.

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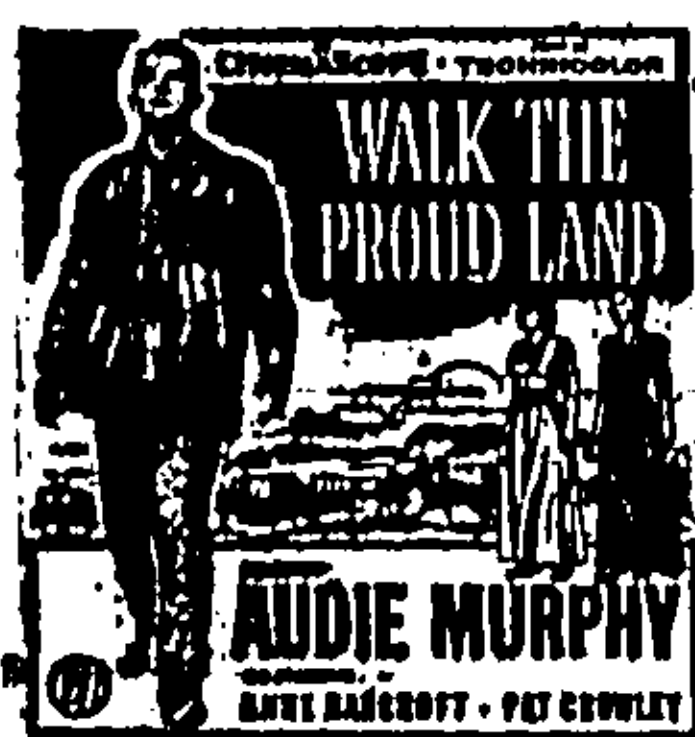
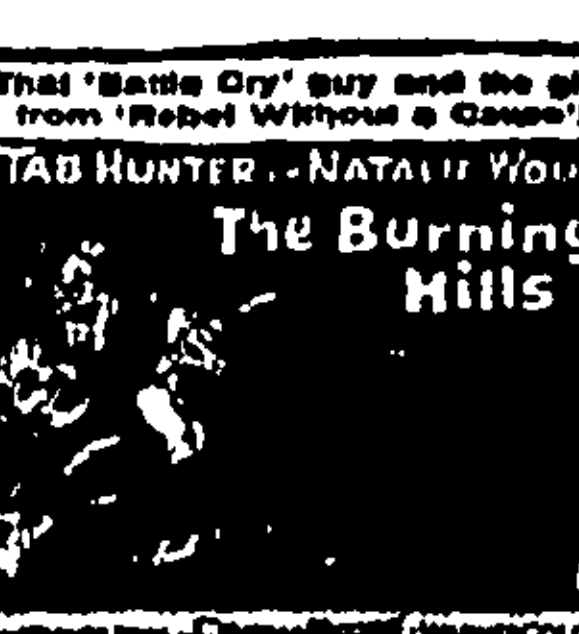
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PAKISTAN AND MIDDLE EAST

To Co-operate With US For Securing Peace

Karachi, Mar. 31.

Pakistan announced tonight that she is willing to co-operate with the United States in securing peace in the Middle East, to which she is already committed as a member of the Bagdad Pact.

The announcement was made in a joint communiqué issued at the end of talks between Pakistani leaders and Mr. James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's special envoy, who has been touring the Middle East to explain the Eisenhower doctrine.

It said Pakistan had suggested certain economic and military projects as worthy of aid under the doctrine, and Mr. Richards had agreed to the provision of American aid in both fields.

STRENGTHEN NATIONS

The communiqué said in part: "It was emphasized by Ambassador Richards that the United States Middle East policy does not wish to establish any sphere of influence in the Middle East."

"It does not seek to fill any power vacuum in the region nor does it aim at securing military bases. United States policy is solely designed to strengthen the nations of the area so they can maintain their independence and territorial integrity."

"It was noted that Communist imperialism, through overt aggression or internal subversion, constitutes a direct threat to the national aspirations of the peoples of the Middle East."

"In reiterating its endorsement of the American doctrine the Government of Pakistan have expressed willingness to co-operate with the United States Government in securing the peace of the Middle East to which Pakistan is already committed as a member of the Bagdad Pact."

JOIN COMMITTEE

"They were pleased to learn of the United States decision to join the Military Committee of the Bagdad Pact if invited to do so."

"The determination of both governments to oppose aggression from any quarter was reaffirmed. The Government of Pakistan have suggested to Ambassador Richards certain economic and military projects as worthy of aid under the American doctrine and he has agreed to provide assistance in both fields."

"In particular the United States will lend funds to assist in starting construction of fertilizer factories."

JOINT PROJECTS

"The Government of Pakistan was glad to learn that the United States is also prepared to finance several joint projects of a regional nature which are already under consideration in the Economic Committee of the Bagdad Pact."

In Damascus, Sabri el Assali, Syrian Prime Minister, said today that Syria and Egypt would not stand inactive against any attempt by the United States to impose any old doctrine on them.

Such action by the United States would amount to "intervention and aggression on our sovereignty," he said.

But Syria and Egypt would accept aid which did not injure their sovereignty, he added.

KARACHI STATEMENT

He was commenting on a statement made in Karachi last week by President Eisenhower's Middle East envoy, on the effect of Syrian and Egyptian reaction to the President's Middle East plan. (Mr. Richards said that he did not think that if Egypt and Syria did not invite him to visit them the Eisenhower plan would suffer a setback).—Reuter.

Tortoise Covers 600 Miles In 40 Years —Or Did It?

Durban, Mar. 31.

A claim that a tortoise walked from Durban to a farm in the Karoo, a distance of 600 miles, and did the journey in 40 years, has caused speculation among Durban naturalists.

A sheep farmer in Durban for the wool sales said he found the tortoise on his farm two years ago. He recognized it by the markings on its back as the same tortoise which his son had taken to Durban more than 40 years ago. The farmer said that two months after his son had settled in Durban, he missed the tortoise.

An official of the Veterinary Department in Durban says that tortoises have a homing instinct and will always return to their original homes. But an official at the Durban Museum described the story as a "leg-pull".—China Mail Special.

ELEPHANT KILLS UP

Kampala, Mar. 31.

Big-game hunters shot 205 elephants in Uganda in 1956, compared with only 212 in 1955. The increase is due, states the Uganda Game Warden, Major B. G. Kinloch, to continued high prices for ivory, and also to larger numbers of sportsmen anxious to shoot elephants.

A licence for a visit to shoot an elephant in Uganda costs £30 for the first elephant and £60 for the second.—China Mail Special.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AWAITING UNITED STATES

Washington, Mar. 31.

The US Senate must ratify soon US membership in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) if other free nations are to complete membership formalities in time for the August 19 first general meeting in Vienna, US officials said today.

They said other countries would complete these formalities much faster once they know that the United States had approved the Agency's statute.

The Agency is an outgrowth of President Eisenhower's atoms for peace programme, launched in 1953. The charter was signed by 80 nations in New York late last year and must now be ratified by member parliaments. Twenty-three ratifications are needed for the Agency to become operative.

June Deadline

Officials emphasized that these 23 ratifications must be deposited with the United States, the nation selected for that purpose, by June 19 at the latest if the meeting is to be held on schedule. The Agency's Board of Governors must be appointed 60 days in advance of the general meeting.

To date only three nations, the Soviet Union, Egypt and Guatemala, have ratified the Agency charter. But US officials said other Iron Curtain countries, notably Poland and Czechoslovakia who are important uranium suppliers, could ratify "at the push of a button."

Things are not that easy in democratic countries, they said, where the parliamentary mechanism moves more ponderously. Early US Senate ratification would give free world nations the impetus to move quickly, they added.

President Eisenhower last week urged the Senate to ratify the charter as soon as possible. He said the Agency would work "in the present and future interest of our country."

The Agency's main effort will be in the fields of scientific education, industrial power and the use of radio isotopes. It will act as a bank and brokerage house for nuclear fuels needed by members for specific peaceful projects—generally construction of nuclear power stations.

Know In May

US officials said they would know by the middle of May if enough nations will ratify to permit holding the Vienna meeting as scheduled. They think that between 45 and 60 must ratify to make the meeting a success.

Opposition to US membership in the Agency has developed chiefly from Senator Joseph McCarthy and Senator William Knowland, minority leader. But US officials are cautiously optimistic that the treaty will win reasonably quick Senate approval.

They are equally confident that Agency controls over the use to which nuclear fuels are put are strong enough to satisfy Congress.

Progress reports on ratification in a number of key nations are also encouraging, these officials said. Thus action in the Japanese Diet is moving at a rapid clip. In the United Kingdom the charter has been readied for imminent House of Commons action.

Eliminated

Austria, as host nation of the August conference, expects to complete the necessary formalities by May 15. But progress in some Latin American nations has been slow. Officials expressed concern over the fate of the treaty in the French Assembly.

An important issue that must be thrashed out at the Vienna meeting, or later, is Agency control over bilateral atomic agreements between atomic have and have-not nations. The United States made provisions for such control in the 39 agreements it has signed.

However, the Soviet Union has not. This raises the spectre of United States-Soviet competition for favour of a small nation in the bilateral field. Officials are afraid that such competition could enable the "nations in the middle" to learn the secret of manufacturing atomic bombs.

If the agreements were placed under the Agency's stringent inspection laws the danger to world peace would be eliminated, officials said.—United Press.

S'pore-UK Defence Talks

London, Mar. 31.

Mr. Lim Yew Hock, Singapore's Chief Minister will meet senior officials of the British Defence Ministry tomorrow to discuss bi-laterally some matters concerning civilian employees in the British armed forces in Singapore, well informed sources said today. This problem was considered by the successful Anglo-Singapore constitutional conference here.

The conference adjourned on Friday last for the preparation of its agreed report. This will be formally adopted at the final session of the conference expected by the sources to be held on April 3.

Conference sources have observed that two principal reasons for the success of the negotiations, at which Singapore demanded complete internal self-government are the unity of the island's all-party delegation of five and the "wise leadership" of Mr. Lim Yew Hock, who is heading the delegation.—Reuter.

VIKING REMAINS DISCOVERED

Oslo, Mar. 31.

Road work at Espersdalen, near Lillehammer, central Norway, has been stopped following the digging up of remains which suggest the existence there of a Viking burial ground. The road workers dug up a spear, an axe, a sword, and a ring which might have belonged to a shield of Viking origin. Museum experts are now to examine the site.—China Mail Special.

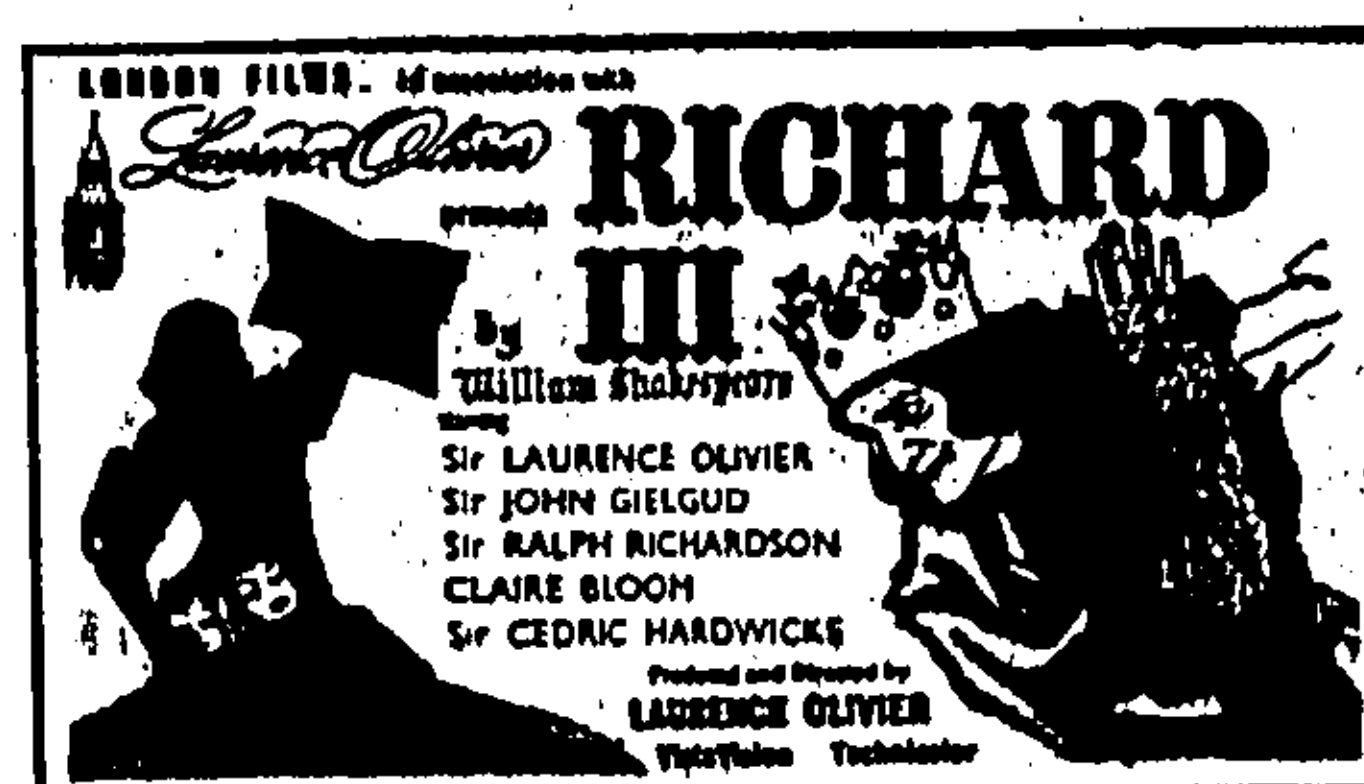
Suva, Mar. 31.

A stone from the bombed Victoria Tower of the Houses of Parliament in London, which was recently presented to Fiji, is being put into place in the Legislative Council Chamber.

It is being set into the wall above the speaker's chair.—China Mail Special.

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US Senate Control In Doubt

Teacher-Princess



Sweden's Princess Birgitta is now studying at the Stockholm Central Institute of Gymnastics to become a certified gymnastics teacher. Here she is pictured second from left during a public demonstration given by her class recently. Express Photo.

Birth Control Study In China

Paris, Mar. 31. A 56-member birth control research committee was set up in Peking today to co-ordinate the work of contraception, the New China news agency reported.

The committee, headed by Lin Chiao Chih, Vice-President of the Birth Control Association and head of the Gynaecology and Obstetrics Department of the Chinese Union Medical College, is sponsored by the Chinese Medical Association.

The committee, including both Western-trained and Chinese traditional doctors, will study case histories, advise on birth control measures, and help to spread birth control information. It will set up branches throughout China, working under local medical associations. —France-Press.

DEATH OF PUBLISHER

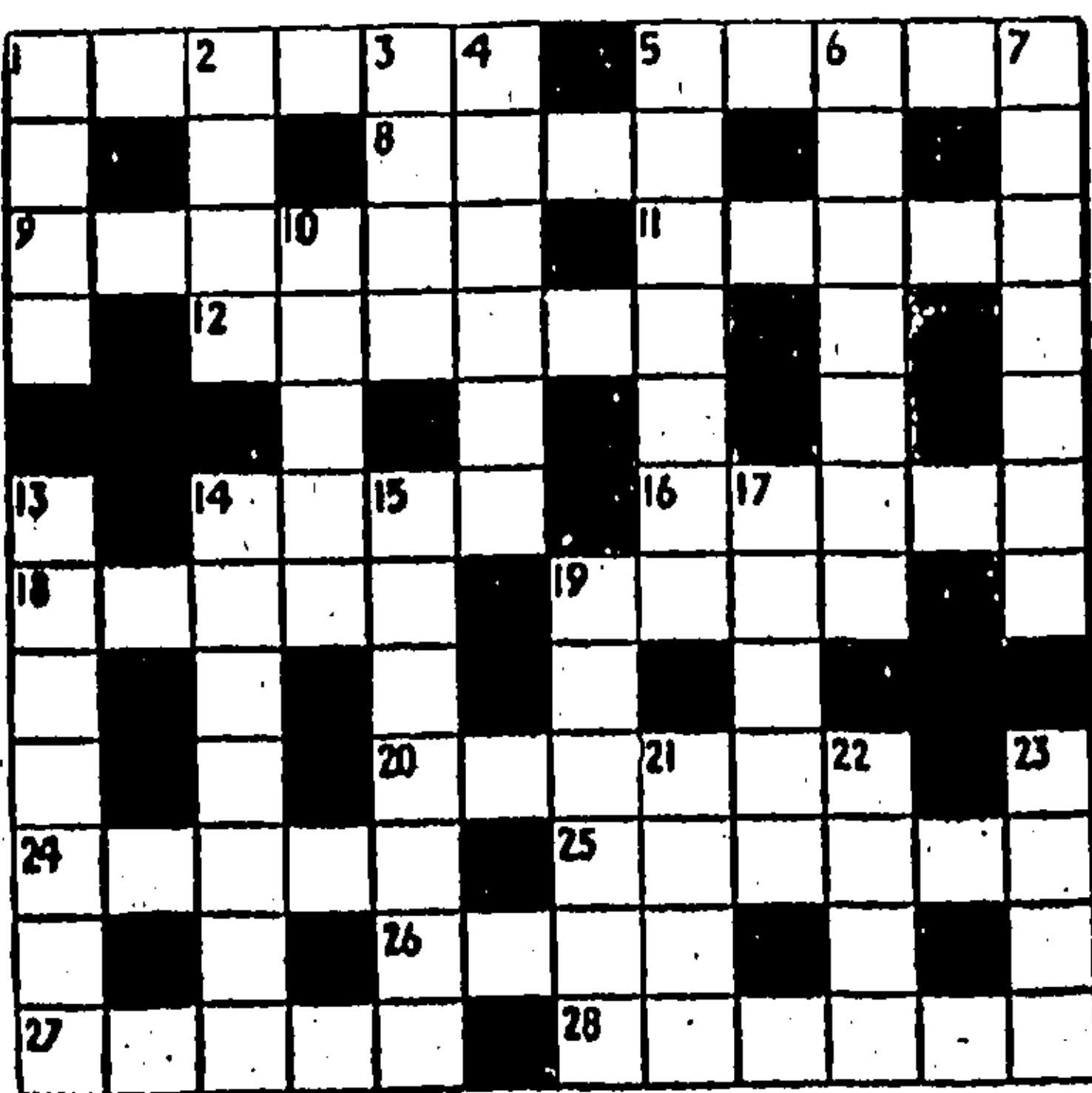
Philadelphia, Mar. 31. Mr. Richard W. Sloum, executive vice-president of the Philadelphia Bulletin and former president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association (ANPA) died today in hospital. He was 55.

Mr. Sloum, one of the United States best known newspaper executives, had undergone an operation for removal of a polypoid in December, 1955. He was back at his desk early in 1956 and resumed his full duties, but never fully recovered his health. He had been in hospital since March 4.

Mr. Sloum leaves a widow and two sons and six daughters. —Reuter.

Tokyo, Mar. 31. An advance party of the World Bank mission led by Mr. Eugene Black, arrived here tonight on an inspection tour of Japan's industry and economy. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Litho (6).
- 2 Tendon (5).
- 3 Way out (4).
- 4 Say again (6).
- 5 Precise (5).
- 12 Electrical unit (6).
- 14 Nuisance (4).
- 15 Oversight (5).
- 16 Brainwave (4).
- 20 Triled out (6).
- 24 Do soldiers wear it when they do it? (5).
- 25 Very hot (6).
- 26 Smooth (4).
- 27 Regulations (5).
- 28 Allow (6).

DOWN

- 1 Bondman (4).
- 2 Chrysalis (5).
- 3 Jump (4).
- 4 Area (6).
- 5 Guided (7).
- 6 Drop of water (7).
- 7 Fades (7).
- 10 Ant (5).
- 11 Mounted bullfighter (7).
- 14 Having a fondness for (7).
- 15 Decides (7).
- 17 Allude to (6).
- 18 Part of the foot (6).
- 21 Musical sound (4).
- 22 Tot (4).
- 23 Prepare for publication (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Votes, 4 Abasco, 6 London, 10 Error, 12 Degree, 14 Deplete, 17 Melt, 19 Incites, 20 Gesture, 22 Unit, 23 Erasing, 27 Scream, 29 Nitro, 30 Latent, 31 Rarest, 32 Totes. Down: 1 Valid, 2 Tramp, 3 Swede, 5 Bior, 6 Street, 7 Struts, 9 Retire, 11 Remits, 13 General, 16 Even, 18 Litter, 19 Lead, 20 Gunner, 21 Sister, 24 Await, 25 Iced, 26 Gothic, 28 Role.

TEXAS BY-ELECTION COULD SWING IN GOP FAVOUR

Dallas, Mar. 31. Democratic control of the United States Senate rests on a crucial by-election next Tuesday in politically unpredictable Texas.

TV NOT BEATING CINEMA

Paris, Mar. 31. More and more people attend the cinema in France despite television competition, according to a report by the French National Centre of Cinematography.

Receipts have gone up 30 per cent since 1952 and the number of cinemagoers has increased by 15 per cent in the same period. Last year, 149 new cinemas opened in France bringing the total to 5,750. Only eight cinemas closed down.

Film production went up too—129 films made last year against 110 in 1955.

On the whole, the report says, Frenchmen prefer French films. Nearly half of total box office receipts stemmed from them.

FOREIGN FILMS

American films—the biggest number of foreign films shown here—are American—slightly dropped in favour of Italian, British and German films in that order followed on the nation's screens.

Frenchmen preferred a laugh at the cinema last year to a silent tear shed over "gloomy" films.

Productions of comedy films rose from 21 to 31. The "gloomy" films—called "black" films here when they dealt with the dark side of life—dropped from 29 to 20.

Travel and spy films continued their popularity. —China Mail Special.

Polish Premier Sees Indian Reactor

Bombay, Mar. 31. The Polish Premier, Mr. Jozef Cyrankiewicz, today visited India's first atomic reactor at Trombay 15 miles from here.

As he drove in an open car flying the flags of India and Poland to the atomic energy establishment, crowds greeted him with cheers.

Doctor H. J. Eothabha, Secretary of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission, received Mr. Cyrankiewicz and took him round the establishment.

After seeing the reactor the Polish Premier said that India was "jumping straight into the atomic age from its colonial past."

He later visited the Polish salvage ship Notoc which is at present engaged in salvaging three ships sunk off Bombay harbour a few years ago.

The Polish Premier who is on a 10-day official visit to India will fly to Calcutta tomorrow to make the last stop in his itinerary. —Reuter.

First Bonn Conscripts In Army Today

Bonn, Mar. 31. Germany's new "democratic" army sprang up its barracks today for a welcome for its first batch of nearly 10,000 draftees.

Tomorrow 9,733 young conscripts of the 1937 class will report for 12 months' military service, boosting the Bundeswehr's strength to total 80,000.

Top-level orders have gone out from Bonn's grimy, brown-stone Defence Ministry to garrison commanders throughout the country to make the youngsters "feel at home."

They will be met at the station, driven in comfort to their barracks and left in rooms and beds already marked with their names. The old harsh Prussian reception treatment is strictly banned. The 18-year-olds inducted tomorrow are the only conscripts to be called up this year. Defence Minister Franz Josef Strauss plans to call up the next batch of 30,000 only on April 1, 1958. On Tuesday the new conscripts, still in their civilian clothes, will watch parades of one or two trained companies of troops in full equipment. This will be their first introduction to the weapons they will use. The rest of the week will be devoted to drawing uniforms, orientation lectures and sports. On Saturday the new conscripts will get their first leave passes but will have to wear civilian clothes unless they already learned the rudiments of a "military bearing" in public. Defence Ministry spokesman stressed that despite the "old gloves" welcome when the draftees arrive, the actual training programme will be as tough as in any army. —United Press.

Restrictions Eased For Ramadan

Algiers, Mar. 31. The French Minister in Algiers, Robert Lacoste, on the occasion of the Moslem fast of Ramadan, has ordered a number of measures of leniency towards Algerian Moslems who were sanctioned during the events of recent months, it was learned today.

Lacoste ordered that 700 Moslems be freed from internment camps. He also ordered that sanctions be ended against Moslem civil servants who followed the general strike orders last January of the Algerian rebels, except in particularly serious cases.

Prefects were told to reopen the Moslem-owned shops that were closed because of their participation in the general strike last January, except in particularly serious cases.

In Tunis, it was learned that two soldiers were wounded and two Algerians were killed in a clash on Tunisian territory, near the Algerian frontier, last Friday night.

It was reported that a French jeep, taking part in a night exercise was attacked in the village of Thelepte by Algerians, using grenades and guns, including automatic weapons. The French force fired back, killing two of the attackers and seizing a number of weapons. —France-Press.

FRENCH WEST AFRICAN POLL FAIRLY QUIET

Paris, Mar. 31. Nearly 13 million voters went to the polls in French West Africa, French Equatorial Africa and Madagascar today to elect 914 territorial councillors under the terms of a recent law, granting increased internal autonomy to French overseas territories.

In Dakar and Saint Louis, in Senegal, guns were fired to call the electors to the polls. The summons was necessary for many voters were waiting outside the polling booths nearly three hours before they opened to avoid queuing in the heat of the sun later on.

Senegalese women indicated by the colour of their turbans, and the men by their cockades, which party they supported—red for the MSA African Socialist movement, green for the Senghor Popular Senegalese bloc.

Three-Cornered

In Conakry, where there was a three-cornered fight, electors had ballot papers marked with three symbols. The RDA African Democratic Rally, identified by an elephant, the Guinean African bloc by a star and crescent, and the Guinean Social Democrats by three parallel arrows.

In most areas, the elections went off without incident. All was quiet today along the Ivory coast, where two persons were killed and 12 injured in the election campaign. Gagnoa, 180 miles northwest of Abidjan, was a hot spot.

But in Bouake, some 200 miles north of Abidjan, tension still existed between the RDA and a dissident group of RDA "Mutualistes." Telephone communications with Bouake were cut.

At Pointe Noire in the Congo, some Africans were injured in skirmishes in the African quarter of the town.

Cars Wrecked

Incidents also took place in Allada, Abomey-Calavi and Potohovo in Dahomey, where a few persons were injured and a number of cars wrecked.

Voting was light everywhere, possibly because this was the third time for African electors to be called to the polls in just over a year. In many cases it was down to 15 per cent of the electorate.

Final results will not be known for some time in the remote areas, such as Mauritania owing to the difficulties of communications.

Council Control

The new territorial assemblies will supervise the functioning of territorial services, including local finance, public works and agriculture. Control of the armed forces, foreign affairs and overseas trade will remain vested in Metropolitan France. —France-Press.

Israeli Policy Speech Expected

Jerusalem, Mar. 31. EXPECTATIONS mounted in Israel today concerning the speech that Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, is scheduled to make before Parliament on Tuesday.

Although Mrs. Meir's speech will be made on the occasion of the debate on her Ministry's budget, it is expected to present Israel's attitude towards recent developments in the Middle Eastern situation.

Mrs. Meir, who has been preparing the speech for several days, presented the Israeli Cabinet last week with an analysis of the evolution of the situation. No details of her statement were released.

It was expected that she will have further elements for her speech as a result of the talks scheduled to be held in New York at the beginning of the week, between UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and Israeli delegate Abba Eban.

Israeli political circles have expressed growing concern at what was termed Hammarskjöld's "diplomatic formalism"—it was feared that this attitude was being taken up by the American authorities.

The idea that Israel should go before the International Court of Justice at The Hague concerning the freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba was considered a dilatory measure by Israeli political circles. Such a move might considerably delay the formal guarantees expected from the United States, these circles thought. —France-Press.

SIMONSTOWN BASE TRANSFER TUESDAY

Capetown, Mar. 31. The Earl of Selkirk, Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty, will confer tomorrow with South African Government officials on the eve of the transfer of Britain's historic naval base at Simonstown, 20 miles south of here to the South African Navy.

Lord Selkirk, who arrived here by air yesterday, will officially hand over the base—which has been associated with Britain's Royal Navy for 102 years—on Tuesday afternoon.

The ceremony will be attended by members of South Africa's Parliament and by 3,000 other guests. The actual transfer, when the Union Jack is lowered and the South African flag hoisted, will be followed by a flypast of South African Air Force planes.

Tomorrow morning, Lord Selkirk will pay official visits to the South African Prime Minister, Mr. Johannes Strijdom, the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Eric Louw, and the Defence Minister, Mr. Francois Erasmus.

For Nairobi

Lord Selkirk and his party will leave on Thursday for Durban and Nairobi.

The handover on Tuesday results from an agreement reached between Britain and South Africa last July.

Ships of the Royal Navy will continue to have facilities at the base and will be able to use it in the event of war, after Simonstown passed into the hands of the small but efficient and growing South African Navy.

This force will be commanded by Rear-Admiral Hugo Hendrik Bismarck, MBE, who will take up residence at Admiralty House, a picturesque former farmhouse, at Simonstown. —Reuter.

Nationalisation Of Property

New Delhi, Mar. 31. Ajoy Kumar Ghosh, Secretary-General of the Indian Communist Party, which won a victory in the recent elections in Kerala State, said today his party would propose the nationalisation of foreign property in Kerala. "But we cannot do it without the agreement of the Central Government of India," Ghosh said. The Communist Party intended to govern within the framework of the constitution. —France-Press.



FIRST LORD SELKIRK

Ambassadors' Appointment Expected

Washington, Mar. 31. President Eisenhower is expected this week to name Llewellyn Thompson, at present American Ambassador to Austria, as US Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Thompson's name has already been semi-officially sent to Congress and confirmation has been expected for some time. Among other nominations shortly expected are the following:

Francis White, Ambassador to Mexico, as Ambassador to Sweden, Scott McLeod, head of the State Department's Security Office, as Ambassador to the Irish Republic.

Robert Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, as Ambassador to Mexico, although he will probably stay in Washington until the end of the present Congress session. Charles Bohlen, at present American Ambassador to the Soviet Union, will leave Moscow on April 18 to return to Washington for consultations before taking up his new post as Ambassador to the Philippines. —France-Press.

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LIBERACE

The US answer to Lord Foley

Lee's famous saying, "Nobody loves me but people!" has been quoted against him as arrogant and conceited. It is nothing of the kind. It is an example of Lee's wit, with which he can more than hold his own against the professionals; and it is also unanswerable. The people do love him, for the very reasons that the people will always love a true artist: because he is obviously sincere, and his appeal is to humanity and to the heart.

"Some critics just don't understand me! And they don't understand me because they won't give themselves the trouble of considering what I am trying to do," explains Lee. "And what is he trying to do? He is trying to bring the joy and solace of great music to the largest possible audience. To this huge task he has dedicated his life. My ambition is to play for everyone. If there are some that will not hear, that is my misfortune. But I shall not cease to bring music to the millions."

"And my life's ambition is to entertain as many people as I can, and as long as I can, because I believe music makes people happy."

The rewards from show business are among the most spectacular in the world. Liberace is one of the highest paid stars in the annals of entertainment, but he does not live a life of ease and luxury. He works a great deal harder than the fellow who does a forty-hour week and gets three weeks' paid holiday and every week-end to himself and a good many public holidays too. Lee's work is as physically exhausting as a shift in a coal mine—and this is not a joke. His doctor calculates that a single concert of Lee's does greater damage to the tissues of his body than a twenty-mile walk; and that the nervous energy expended would drive a man living normally for two days. So much for a concert; and

remember there are several of these a week, besides the T.V. shows. On top of that, Lee practises for hours every day—a concentrated practice, not a mere running over of familiar pieces. Every appearance is endlessly rehearsed, timed, perfected; every note falls into place as the result of hour after hour of precision playing. Then there is the business side of this vast organisation—for it is vast, now, and employs dozens of people besides the principal, Liberace. Orchestras, office workers, make-up artists, tailors, wardrobe—mistresses, publicity agents, all are on the pay-roll. "The days when I used to note down an engagement (when I got one) in a little pocket diary are over," Lee says, a little wistfully.

"Now almost every minute of the day is rented to somebody! Happier?—well, yes, because I know that all this hard work is creative and worth while. But sometimes I miss the comradeship of those early days. I have a wonderful comradeship now with Mom and George and the others, never doubt that. But success takes its toll, just as failure does. Something must be lost in getting to the top. A few illusions shed, a few friends left regretfully behind."

In saying this, Lee is too modest. He never in his life forgot a friend, and many of his associates now remember him from school days. A single example will serve—his first professional music teacher was Mrs Florence Betray Kelly, of Milwaukee, who sought him out when he was only seven because she heard of his great gifts from a player in the local symphony orchestra, who told her that the boy was wonderfully gifted, but came from a poor family. Mrs Kelly wasn't primarily concerned with fees, although teaching for money was her profession. With her music came first, and if the lad needed help she meant to see he got it. For eight years the young player enjoyed the best tuition in Milwaukee, and his people paid what they could. Lee had never forgotten, and he was constantly in touch with Mrs Kelly—asking her advice and taking it—as though he were no more world-famous now than when she came to hear the tinkling piano played by a kid

of seven behind the grocery store.

"But it wasn't all plain sailing," she recalls with a twinkling eye. "We had lots of tussles, but I think I taught him something all the same. He'd work tremendously hard if he was fired by the piece he had to play. But some pieces had to be played for technique, and not for the sake of the music. Lee loves all music, but some more than the rest; and some less. I remember once one piece he loved, practically not at all. I said, 'Go out of my house, and don't come back until you have learned it.' At last, four days later, he came creeping in. He

and Britain's explosive reply...

played it perfectly and then he said if anything could make him hate the piano, it was this piece. Thirty years later he played it on T.V., and afterwards he said, 'That is my music, the piano number.' It was 'Forest Murmurs' by Liszt."

Lee's organisation includes a resident orchestra of twenty-six players, conducted (of course) by George Liberace; a large office staff, personal manager, a full-time lawyer, music arranger, business manager and a personal secretary.

And what does Lee say about this band of loyal associates without whom he could not keep going? "Many of them are close personal friends of many years' standing; all are dear to me. Sure, I employ them and they look to me for bread. Why not?—most folk work somewhere, and for someone. Do they work any better if they never set eyes on the boss? These people give me understanding and tolerance and affection and unfailing service. My friendship with them all is based on a deeper relationship than that of the weekly pay packet. We all serve one mistress, music. And nobody is the boss."

Nobody is the boss... but there is one who is the leader, the inspirer.

MORE TOMORROW

At Sir Thomas Beecham's concerts these days, a man sits in the audience watching him through field glasses and sketching furiously between glimpses.

The stormy old man will be 78 next month, but sculptor David Wynne still has not been able to get him to slow down enough to sit for a bust. In desperation, he has decided to watch his subject during concerts and make the bust from drawings.

This month, Beecham flew in from America bursting with indignation and vitality. He launched a furious assault on Americans who thought that "Britain has become some sort of third rate power."

He had gone to America to conduct the New Orleans Symphony and he had caused a first rate outburst by threatening to move out of his hotel because he was disturbed by loud jazz from nearby night-clubs.

Men have been tarred and feathered in New Orleans for much less than that. The evidence is, however, that Beecham's popularity, if anything, went up.

He has been a life-long devotee of what he has called the "well calculated indiscretion of opinion."

His theory is that loud noises attract attention and that, once a man's attention has been drawn to Beecham, the odds are that he will turn up soon at a concert.

There are those who doubt it. But a High Court Judge discussing the Delias trust recently paid tribute to the amazing

once, however, he was bested. When he was undisputed master of the Albert Hall, then the Mecca of London's music, he said brutally that the hall was "Britain's greatest railway station." No one could think of an answer.

His career as a public alarmist undoubtedly had its start in Oxford and gained momentum when he abandoned the family pill business to take charge of a rather seedy opera company which toured the London suburbs. His millionaire father cut him off more or less without a penny. Thomas, to get his own back, took to preaching Socialism from the street corners.

Later, when he inherited the family fortune, he became more reconciled to the existing social order—but no field has ever been immune to his scolding tongue.

He has founded six symphony orchestras (the last is the Royal Philharmonic) and lost nearly as much money as he has made.

In the 1930's his financial troubles led him into the courts where his testimony was invariably crisp, acid and eminently suitable to the evening newspapers.

At one stage he had to sell all his furniture and silver—a quantity estimated to run into tons.

to almost everything else

"All festivals are bunk," and that they are there for the purpose of attracting trade to the town.

The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, at which Beecham was once music director is another institution on which he has turned at regular intervals. In 1940, he whipped up a verbal conundrum scored for full brass and threw it noisily at the suffering directors' heads.

It included such ringing phrases as "a hapless act of ignorance and nitwit"—a description applied to "the people who run" the Opera House. At least one of the Opera's leading figures promptly telephoned his lawyers. As usual, however, Beecham had stayed within the law.

The conductor's irascibility dates from his early youth. He left Oxford after 18 months because he found it "futile." For

He was soon rich again, however, and soon back in his enormous country houses.

He likes his surroundings as he likes his music: Lordly, spacious and gracious.

His personality intrudes on the business of the twentieth century like a Beethoven symphony in a concert of chamber music. And he is proud of it.

He insists that everything be on the grand scale.

His fee for a single concert is £250, though he will sometimes offer a cut rate for a series.

Needless to say he can get what he asks.

When, in 1951, he came back to Covent Garden to conduct Der Meistersinger, he enquired how large the chorus was. He was informed that the normal chorus was 60 strong.

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM



"Eighty!" he exploded. "I never had less than 250 on the stage. Ring up all the music teachers and colleges in London. Tell them to send reinforcements."

The management dutifully did.

That settled they gave him the score with a note saying "The cuts are marked."

"My dear fellow," he bristled at the manager, "there are no cuts in my Meistersinger. Tell the Opera Trust I am going to conduct the opera in its entirety."

The first night opened at six and lasted until 11.30.

Nobody complained. No one in the audiences even dared to wriggle.

For Beecham fans there can never be too much of the master.

Some musicians tactfully suggest that less Beecham and more

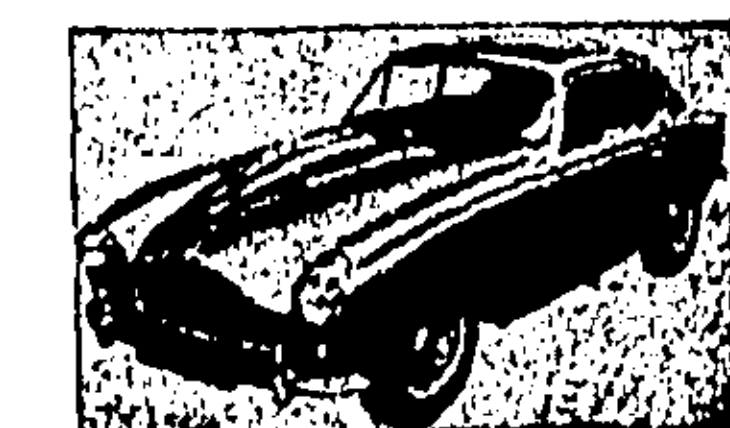
NEW CARS CHALLENGE THE GERMANS

By BASIL CARDEW

A NEW British car—the Aston Martin DB2-4, Mark III—joined the British challenge to the Germans at the year's first big motor show in Geneva.

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And the British challenge seems to have produced dividends for, even before the show began, our car manufacturers' society announced that orders worth more than £23,000,000 have come in already for our three newest cars, the Austin A65 saloon, the 3.4 "export only" Jaguar, and the Vauxhall Victor.

The U.S. Audience and the "outsized bust"

London. ON the subject of Hollywood, Mr Wilfrid Hyde White said to me: "You are no good to Hollywood unless you have a bust. If you have a bust they buy you up and put you under glass and try to get you to grow."

"It is rather like potting-out cucumbers."

On the subject of the American play, Mr Hyde White said: "They are obsessed with lavatories. In Britain we still like to pretend there is no such thing as a lavatory, and really I think that's the best approach in the long run."

Mr Hyde White—best-known feature player on the British screen, star of "The Reluctant Debutante" and currently filming in "Dear Charles"—lay back in bed.

"America used to be all right," he ruminated, "when you could go with three-pence and come back with three million."

"But now I feel sorry for damn fools who want to stay there. Good heavens, if you want a ticket for 'My Fair Lady'—the hit of New York's Broadway just now—you don't go to the box-office, you have to go to your confounded stockbroker and he quotes you a price!"

He added: "Marvellous, the time the singer lost his voice and the audience was given their money back. Most of 'em had paid sixty dollars a seat on the open market—but only got the REAL price back from the box-office. Served them damn well right!"

But Mr Hyde White has nothing but praise for American audiences.

"They don't go to the theatre to talk and drink, they come to

watch the play. They get all the jokes thirty seconds quicker than anyone else, and if they don't like the play they get up and go quickly."

"British audiences only come to smoke cigars and go to sleep, and when they awake they drop their cigars and before you know it there's a fire and you've got the fire-brigade round."

I am in a position to deny the report that there is a clause in Mr Hyde White's film and theatre contracts permitting him to stay away whenever there is a race meeting.

Robert Robertson meets

Wilfrid Hyde White.

"'Fraid they wouldn't wear it, old boy," said Mr Hyde White, regretfully. "But racing's wonderful for the health. I lost my voice the day we opened in New York, so off I went to a race meeting."

"Suddenly I saw my horse going ahead and forgetting my voice I gave a yell. And do you know, I'd got my voice back and won three hundred dollars."

"Very embarrassing," he said, though. "Came back from the races and went straight in to see a girl-show at the Hippodrome. Suddenly realised I was sitting in the front row with my race-glasses round my neck."

"Doesn't do to be sitting in the front row at a girl-show with a pair of binoculars the size of Greenwich Observatory, you know."

"I hear I shocked Mr Hyde White's sensibilities very severely when I ventured to ask him if he made a profit on his racing."

"My dear fellow," he said, "it costs me more than buying Old Masters. But you wouldn't ask a man to make a profit out of his hobby, would you?"

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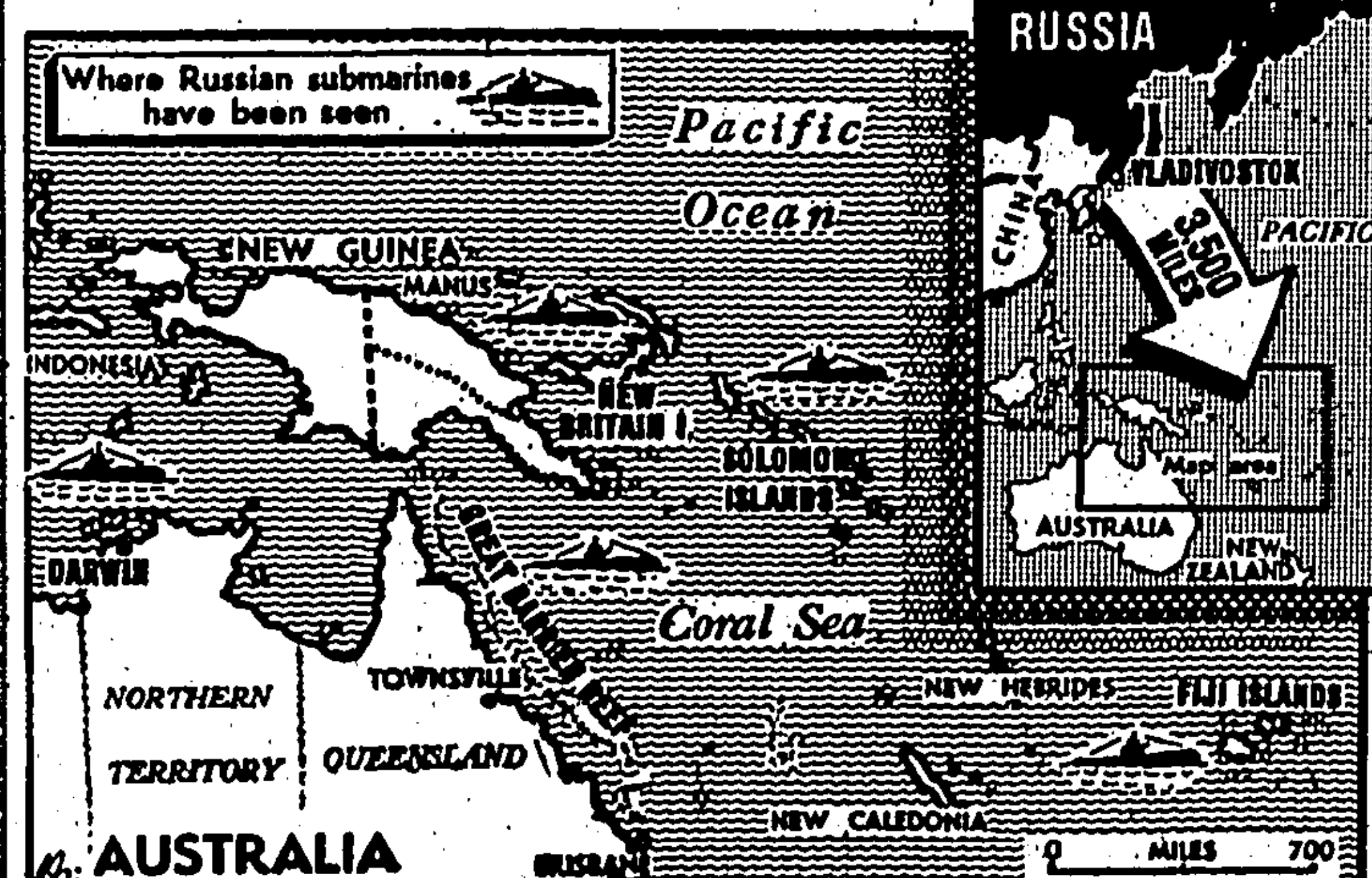
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'Long-rangers' around Australia

PINPOINTED on the map above are five points round the approaches to Australia where Russian submarines have recently been sighted. The reports have got Australian naval experts worried—not only by the numbers of Red submarines in the Pacific but by their operational range. One was seen only 40 miles from Darwin harbour.

Most of the subs sighted are of the Red Navy's W-class; displacement 2,900 tons when submerged; range 20,000 miles.

Naval experts of the SEATO Powers meeting in Canberra are examining how to keep track of the Red sub fleet in the Pacific.

Nothing can be done to prevent their activities as long as the submarines—manned either by Russian or Communist Chinese crews—do not violate territorial waters.

But Australians are not likely to forget similar reports of unidentified submarines between 1932 and 1939—when Japanese vessels were reconnoitring channels, harbours, and coastal approaches for their attempted invasion of Australia in 1942.

COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

PESSIMISTS STARTLED AS
SIX NEW COLONY
RECORDS ARE SET UP

By "RECORDER"

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association certainly did not troop on to the field at the South China Athletic Stadium at Caroline Hill early yesterday morning nursing an overdose of optimism.

There was a very outside chance of the Colony records for the high jump and ladies' discus throw falling. Bob Pape was nursing an injury and, in any case, it was too warm to expect anything very interesting in the long distance runs.

A good number of the athletes who ran—including some of those with the most respected opinions on the subject—did not think the track was at all favourable. There was little wind and the sun glared down on the scene not with benign warmth but with wicked heat.

General opinion was that it would be the poorest HKAAA Open Colony Championships in the seven-year history of the meeting. The season's performance had suggested that the HKAAA was going through its leanest year in history as far as general availability of athletic talent was concerned.

Yet the general level turned out to be quite up to the standard of any of the past seven years. By the general standard in 1951 was a little better, in 1953 and 1956 it may have been just slightly better.

By the time the Championships were over by about 5 p.m., six new Colony records were awaiting ratification. These were:

(1) The 100 metres dash in 10.7 seconds by Stephen Xavier—completely out of the blue and incredible except that there had been a single reason why it cannot be accepted as a Colony record.

The starter, Major Dick Webb, testifies to one of the most perfect starts he has seen in a long time. One broke and Xavier opened a yawning gap on the field by the halfway mark, a track cut down by Tsui Kam-fai, Gerrard and Tomlinson over the second half of the race, but still leaving a clear three-yard margin at the end.

There was a very slight cross wind that would have registered very little on a wind gauge. The track was later re-measured and found to be exactly 100 metres in length.

The head groundman at the stadium, who was not measured, estimated, whether motivated by the laws or not, an effort to his personal dignity in front of his longest laughs in years.

Where Xavier produced his speed from—was his fastest run since 1954—remains a mystery, but everyone who saw him in action yesterday will affirm the fact that there was a load of "class" about his effort.

(2) The 1,500 metres run in 4 minutes 5.7 seconds by Robin Weate, a staggering performance when one remembers that Keith Burch and Peter Boorman have run on this track on days when it had been topped with a flatter and cooler crust and a gentle, cool breeze was blowing.

On top of everything else, there was no competition to

speak of. South China's very pure and knowledgeable Chan Hung-man, a veteran of summer and winter racing in this Colony, had only this comment to make, "After 600 metres, I felt that there was something uncommon about the pace. It was unlike Weate, but from the way he was going I felt that he could keep it up. It was no use taking anything extra out of myself."

(3) The 200 Metres low hurdles in 26.1 seconds by David Toh. This is an "inaugural" Colony record, since no record for this distance has been recognised before. But it was very much faster than anything ever seen before in this Colony in the 200 metres and represents a performance not to be sneered at in inter-variety and county and state championships athletics in any part of the British Commonwealth.

(4) The high jump of 5 feet 11 inches by Lau Din-ye. He cleared this by a comfortable margin, finally displacing in the record books Sgt. Dallywater's 5 feet 10 inches mark which had stood since 1951 despite being threatened on many an occasion. He failed three times at 6 feet and thus failed to equal the unattested best in Hongkong of Lung Kai-hay before the war.

(5) The shot put of 27 feet 10 inches by Chung Ying-yuen. This was done with a regulation 8 lb 13 oz ladies' shot and though it may be slightly inferior to a performance by Mrs. Van Vliet's 30 feet 4 inches with an eight-pounder, it may also be slightly superior. We will not know until our friends at the University have figured this one out. The calculation differs in other factors beside weight.

(6) The discus throw (ladies') of 90 feet 7 inches by Keung Pui-chuen. The chances here had been considered fifty-fifty.

MOST POPULAR

Though there were many popular victories in the course of the day, the most popular undoubtedly was that of Captain Don Gunn in the 400 Metres. His chances were considered just about slightly better than even until the appearance of the much younger and more promising "stars" on the horizon.

His time of 54.8 has been beaten occasionally at Caroline Hill, but not very often. He really fooled the opposition by going on full steam from the start instead of lying back and hoping for a kill.

By the time the opposition began hoping that he was about to slow down it was a little late

in the day and he was in no mood to let up.

Don Gunn will certainly go down in the history of the Colony Championships as the most elderly winner ever of the 400. It is most unlikely that his "record" will ever be beaten.

One of the surprises of the meeting was the victory of SAC J.C. Hutton over Pte. M. Dobson in the 800. The winning time of 2:04.8 was good for the conditions.

Dobson would probably have done better if he had stayed out of the 400 as it seems he is not a two races a day performer, though, of course, he may also not be in the best of condition. A lot more of interest should be seen from Hutton and Dobson, and LA Sergeant and Chan Hung-man were far from being "slow". Add Robin Weate and Bill Reeves to this field and all doing only one race that day and we could see something very near two minutes.

SEASON'S CHOICE

Congratulations to Bob Pape and Ng Shuei-kwai as the winners for 1957 of the Sir Gerard Howe and Lady Howe Trophies as Athletes of the Year. Both won by a landslide, though it should be said that Chan Hung-man, Robin Weate, Capt. John Hunter and Capt. Don Gunn must be considered unlikely that Bob Pape was also in Hongkong in 1957.

But so many who have deserved the Sir Gerard Howe Trophy in the past have been similarly luckless. One need think only of Chan Hung-man, Keith Burch, Bruce Tulloh, Peter Boorman, Roy Bell and quite a few others.

Congratulations also to veteran Chan Lap-long on his 101 feet 11.2 inch victory in the javelin throw. This very veteran competitor, senior in years even to Capt. Gunn, has gone through his best season and has never been more consistent.

He is now the holder of the local "national" record and achievement indeed when one considers that he took this away from one who was still in short pants when he was already an athlete of national ranking in Kwangtung.

Also to Yip Kwok-ping, a great trier and a vastly improved high hurdler, to T.H. Tomlinson, not outclassed in the sprints though with only one good leg to bring down in every two strides, to Ng Shuei-kwai for wrestling the title of the Colony's fastest feminine human, to a plucky finish with the still very fast Ho Mei-ye, to Stephen Xavier for getting another few feet out of his javelin every time he throws, and to Dr. Victor Lai for another 5:10 in the high jump.

The HKAAA decoration, for self-sacrificing conduct in the cause of athletics should go to Mr. George Stacy Kennedy Skipper who was still present though his favourite, One Mile Race, Walk is temporarily off the programme and who risked life and limb in officiating in the hammer throw without a protective steel wire netting screen.

Said G.S. modest as always, "I felt it minimised chances of injury if I took my position behind the thrower awaiting his turn. After all they are big men and make quite an effective shield."

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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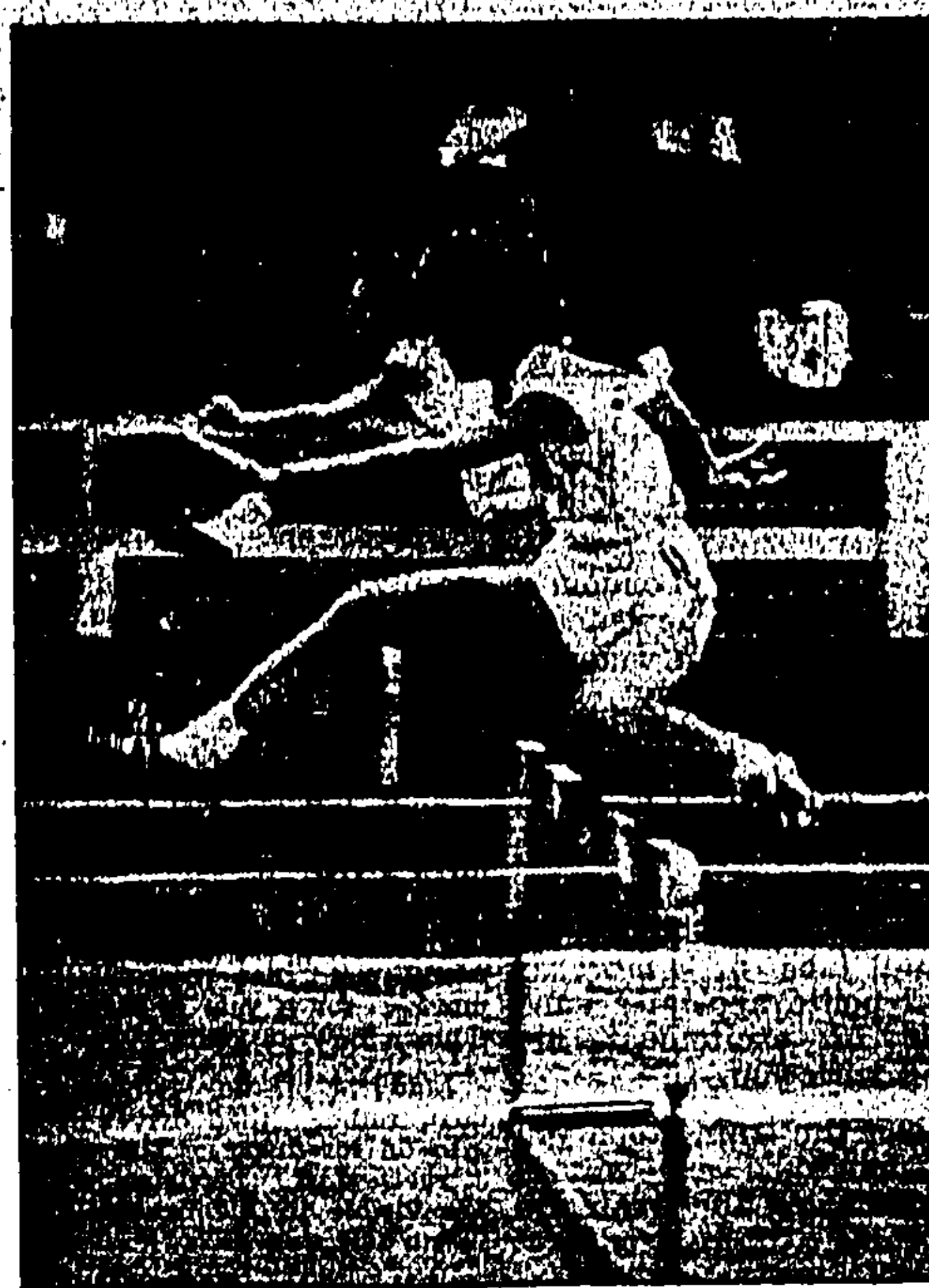
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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Nearest the camera here is Ng Shuei-kwai, awarded the Lady Howe Cup yesterday as Athlete of the Year. However, this was a repeat of the 1953 race over the hurdles between champion sprinter Rita Hall and champion high jumper Jennifer Hart. Champion high stepper Keung Pui-yuen was much happier airborne than was champion sprinter Ng Shuei-kwai and won by a good 10 yards. — China Mail Photo.

Colony Athletics
Championships
Summaries

100 METRES DASH
Heat 1—1. Tui Kam-fai (SCAA) 11.1 secs.; 2. Capt. K. H. Gerrard (74 LAA) 11.2 secs.; 3. Stephen Lo (HKUAC) 11.3 secs.; 4. David Toh (HKUAC) 11.4 secs.; 5. SAC H. P. Gallagher (HAF).
Heat 2—1. Stephen Xavier (HKUAC) 10.7 secs.; 2. Fung Kai-cho (HKUAC) 10.8 secs.; 3. Stephen Lo (HKUAC) 10.9 secs.; 4. L. Lai Chuen-man (SCAA) 11.0 secs.; 5. Dvr. Bradley (HAF).

200 METRES DASH
Heat 1—1. T. H. Tomlinson (HAF) 24.0 secs.; 2. Tui Kam-fai (SCAA) 24.1 secs.; 3. Stephen Lo (HKUAC) 24.2 secs.; 4. L. Lai Chuen-man (SCAA) 24.3 secs.; 5. Dvr. Bradley (HAF).
Heat 2—1. Stephen Xavier (HKUAC) 23.8 secs.; 2. Fung Kai-cho (HKUAC) 23.9 secs.; 3. Stephen Lo (HKUAC) 24.0 secs.; 4. L. Lai Chuen-man (SCAA) 24.1 secs.; 5. Dvr. Bradley (HAF).

400 METRES DASH
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WEEK-END SOFTBALL

TAIWAN GIRLS BEAT SOUTH CHINA 15-2 IN IMPRESSIVE DEBUT

By "TIME OUT"

The Taiwan Universal Girls softball team made an impressive debut yesterday at King's Park when, before a highly partisan crowd, they trounced the League Champions, South China, by a one-sided score of 15 runs to 2. The Taiwan lassies impressed with their aggressive batting and good positional play. A series of shocking miscues contributed to the downfall of the Nam Wah ladies.

In the only Senior "A" game of the day, a fighting South China squad went down to a narrow 4-3 defeat at the hands of the League-leading Blackhawks and almost pulled off the biggest upset of the season when they tied up the ball game at the bottom of the sixth inning.

It took an over-the-fence triple by southpaw Tony Rodriguez of the Hawks to decide the issue.

In the Senior "B" play-off Fred Diesta's P. I. Dodgers won the Championship when they beat the Comets by 12 runs to 2. Manager-cum-pitcher Diesta, notwithstanding a badly sprained ankle, displayed steadiness on the mound and scattered five hits for a well-earned victory.

Taiwan Universal v. South China

After Mrs Annie S. K. Young had pitched the first ball to open the series with the Taiwan Universal Girls' softball team, the visitors opened the scoring when pitcher Lin Fung-tse singled to right field to bring in battery mate Shen Mun-she for the first run.

Three more runs were notched up on the scoreboard when the Nam Wah infield committed a series of errors and the visitors enjoyed an early lead of four runs. In South China's turn at bat, after T. Y. Chan had fanned, Helen Lung beat the throw to first. C. Y. Lam then connected squarely and the ball ended up in deep left field for a two-run homer. The next two batters fanned to end the inning.

Undaunted by this, the visitors really went to town in the next inning, when a series of holding errors galore and six well-scattered hits, eight runs were tallied. The Nam Wah girls were completely hand-cuffed by brilliant pitching on the part of Lin Fung-tse and against a defence which played alert-light ball and gave nothing away. The South China side was held scoreless for the rest of the game.

Except for the fourth and sixth innings, when the South China side refused to be intimidated by the heavy artillery of the visitors, the Taiwan lassies scored at will and took an insurmountable lead when they brought in another three runs in the later stages of the game to make the final score read 15 runs to South China's two.

The visitors' third sacker, petite Lin Mei-tzu, stole the limelight with a brilliant three in four effort which included two resounding doubles and a triple which she stretched into a four-bagger.

Leading pitcher L. S. Yim of South China yielded 14 telling singles whilst her opposite number, Lin Fung-tse, showed good control and gave up only three measly hits.

Blackhawks v. South China

The morning encounter saw a depleted Blackhawks side take on the lowly Carolinians in a free-swinging game in which the score was surprisingly low. The South China nine joined the League leaders out of their lethargy when hurler P. C. Wong singled sharply to left field to bring in the tying run in the bottom of the sixth.

The rampaging Hawks started off in promising fashion when, with two on, Johnny Pereira hit a hot double over shortstop Y. K. Chan to score both runners. It looked like an easy game for the Hawks at this stage, but slow-baller P. C. Wong, whose teasers have baffled many a batter, had other ideas. The Hawks were silenced as pitch after pitch landed in the waiting mitt of the Carolinians, and the Hawks were unable to make any headway.

In the bottom of the fourth, after Y. F. Chan had gotten to first on an error, shortstop Y. K. Chan hit one of Rene Barretto's fat offerings between left and centre for a homer and the score was tied at two-all. In the top of the fifth the Hawks regained the lead when southpaw Frankie Loureiro tripled to centre field and scored on Johnny Pereira's grounder which was fumbled.

The Nam Wah boys came back into the game with a vengeance when, with one on, P. C. Wong singled sharply to left field and the game was once again tied. In their last turn at bat, with two away, Jerry Remedios singled and Tony Rodriguez earned the undying

gratitude of his teammates when he single-handedly with a deep fly that cleared the fence for a triple.

Rene Barretto then settled down to business and retired the South China side in quick order to end the game. Barretto in his first game this season did a creditable job, holding the Carolinians to six hits whilst leading hurler P. C. Wong was nipped for 11 blows.

The Hawks will be meeting the HK Pandas tomorrow at 6.30 p.m. in a postponed League game and will have to do much better if they expect to win this vital encounter. If form is any criterion they will be in for a tough time as opposing hurler Jackie Wei of the HK Pandas is currently in fine fettle.

The Hawks have not been too impressive of late and will have to pull up their socks, as the HK Pandas, with three decent players in their name, will be going all out to topple the League leaders and a victory for the Pandas would throw the Championship race wide open. A battle royal is expected, and fans who troop out to the ball park on Tuesday will be in for a treat when this game takes place.

Taiwan Pandas v. Warriors

The Taiwan Pandas asserted their superiority over their Hongkong counterparts and a pick-up Warrior side when in a doubleheader they triumphed over the HK Pandas 3-2 and the Warriors 9-4. Hero of the day was undoubtedly the visitors' mound artist, Marvin Jennings, who pitched 15 consecutive innings in the same afternoon, with only a 20-minute break between games, and still had plenty on the ball at the end of the day.

This versatile player has made a name in local softball by his unique performance in pitching three days in a row in four games for 29 consecutive innings and registering 33 strikeouts against the Colony's top catchers.

In the distribution of honours, mention must be made of the Taiwan captain and left-fielder, N. C. Cheung, who stole the limelight in the game against the Warriors with a resounding grand-slam that cleared left-fielder L. C. Poon with yards to spare.

The Warriors' Jimmy Chang started the ball rolling in the first inning when he got to first base on a walk. Al Oliveira popped up and Junior Remedios also worked Jennings for a free ticket. With the crowd screaming its encouragement, Claude Pugh obliged with a neat bangle to centre field, scoring Chang for the Warriors' first run.

A sacrifice fly brought Remedios in for run number two. Pugh himself scored when L. C. Poon beat the throw to first by a hair's breadth. Jock Collico fanned to end the inning. The Taiwan Pandas were not slow in retaliating. A single and two successive walks loaded the bases. N. C. Cheung then latched onto one of Goose Wong's deliveries and sent it into right field for the visitors' first run. A double and sacrifice grounder accounted for the next three runs and the visitors were now in the lead, by a solitary run.

However, in the fourth inning, the Warriors came right back into the game when an overthrow by Dick Johnson, the visitors' plate guard, saw Goose Wong scurrying over the plate to tie up the ball game at four-all. The Taiwan Pandas regained the lead in the top of the fifth when W. C. Lam smacked the pill into deep left field for a four-bagger.

The two teams, both sides played tight defensive ball for the next two innings. The final inning, however, saw the visitors in an unassailable position when, with one out, Jennings came through with his third hit of the day. A walk and an error placed two runners on and the sacks were now brimming.

P. H. Cheung singled out to left field for the second out. It was all over, bar the shouting, when N. C. Cheung, scored his winning home run and sent the ball way over left field for a brilliant grand slam which brought a well-earned and

thunderous ovation from the crowd. With victory now assured, Jennings poured on the pressure and retired the Warriors in quick order to end the game.

Inter-Panda Match

Playing heads-up ball in the tail-end of their doubleheader, the Taiwan team kept their slate clean with a slim 3-2 victory over their counterparts, the HK Pandas.

This game saw a pitching duel between HK's Jackie Wei and the slammer-packed Jennings. Wei gave up only five scattered hits whilst Jennings, who was coasting along to a no-hitter until the bottom of the fifth inning, gave up only two measly hits.

The Taiwan Pandas jumped to an early lead in the top of the third when, with one away, receiver Dick Johnson slashed one through the box. A single, a daring double steal and a sacrifice bunt saw two runs cross the plate.

In their half of the fourth, the HK Pandas second-sacker, Bobby Tao, had extremely bad luck when his hard-hit grounder to third, which looked good for extra bases, was brilliantly fielded by Benny Omar. By S. M. Lam who made a back stab for the ball and whipped it across the diamond to first for a sparkling out. Jennings, facing Y. S. Liang, then tossed his one and only wild pitch of the series but soon regained his composure and retired Liang on a fly ball.

The string of goose-eggs on the HK Pandas' score-sheet was broken in the top half of the fifth when Wally Ma finally got the range of Jennings' tricky upshots and belted the ball to deep left for a beautiful triple and the HK Pandas' first hit off Jennings. Raymond Tsao then singled and Ma scored to reduce the margin to only one run.

A momentary lapse by Jennings allowed the HK Pandas, in the top half of the sixth, to bring in the tying run. Y. S. Liang poked a line drive to left field scoring the runner from third. To the consternation of motor Kenneth Chun, Charlie Leung who had been straddling second base elected to hang on to third base like it was his most treasured possession while the left-fielder was fumbling with the ball and a golden opportunity to snatch the lead was missed.

Y. S. Liang then pilfered second and when Wally Ma was hit by a pitched ball, the tension was electric. However, receiver Johnson's bullet-like pop caught Wally miles off-base after Wally had nonchalantly taken a big lead and the rally was nipped.

Extra innings had to be played when the score stood at two runs each at the end of the seventh. The HK Pandas were unable to make further headway against the untiring Jennings and the Taiwan team wrapped the game up when, with two on, C. L. Ng singled sharply through the keyhole to drive in the winning tally.

COMING GAMES

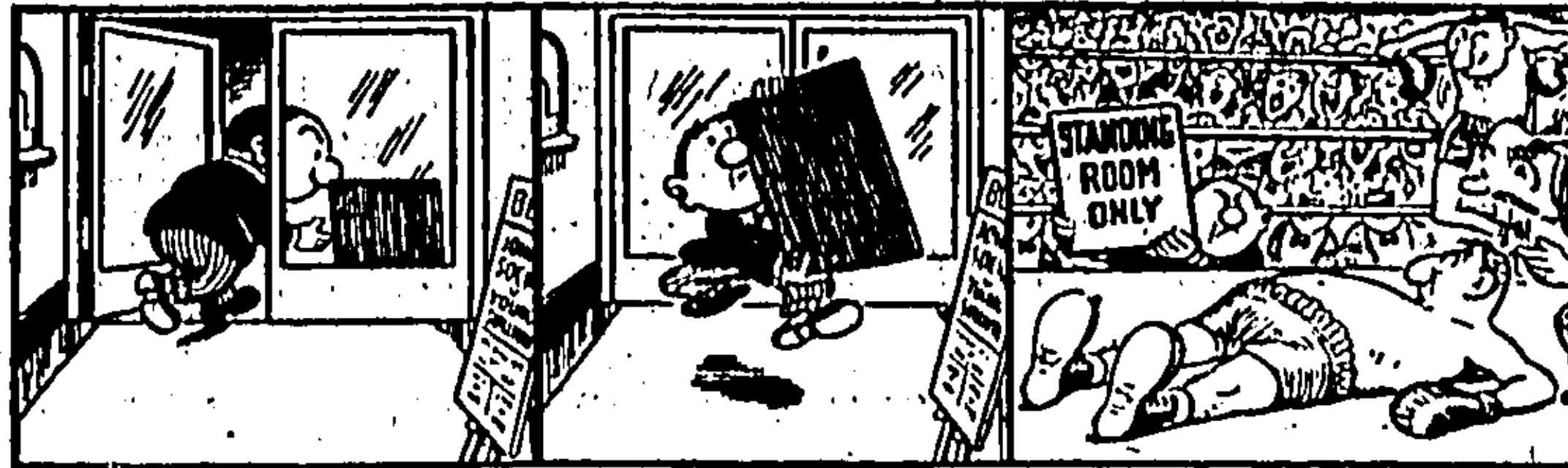
The schedule for the Taiwan Universal series against Hongkong is as follows:—
Wednesday, April 3, at 5.30 p.m. — vs. Hongkong Combined European Ladies.
Saturday, April 6, at 2.30 p.m. — vs. All Hongkong Ladies.
Wednesday, April 10, at 5.30 p.m. — vs. HK Men's Junior League Champions (Seminole).
Thursday, April 11, at 5.30 p.m. — vs. Mixed "Overseas" Team.

Benefica FC Win Portuguese League Championship

Lisbon, Mar. 31. Benefica F.C. of Lisbon, won Portugal's First Division Soccer League Championship today when they beat the Cadizense Club of Coimbra 2-0 in the concluding league match. The crowd swarmed on to the pitch at the end of the game and carried the Benefica players off shoulder-high.—Reuter.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



RINGSIDE REFLECTIONS ON THE EARL HAIG BOXING TOURNAMENT

By Our Boxing Reporter

A very big crowd turned up at the MacPherson Stadium last Friday evening to see the boxing programme arranged in aid of the Earl Haig Fund and only the most miserly could have left with any feeling that he had not had his money's worth. There was some thrilling boxing: there was an abundance of spirited effort: here and there—in the Lawson-Henderson bout for example—there were flashes of fist science with a sting; and above all there was enough controversy to keep the fans . . . and the officials . . . talking for a long time.

Adopting the old axiom that it is always better to start by looking on the bright side of things let us review the tit-bits of the evening.

Away out on its own in a boxing sense was the excellent contest between Cpl. Lawson (Green Howards) and Lt. Cpl. Henderson (RMP). Here we had two men who could hit hard with the knuckle part of the glove and who were not afraid to step inside heavy leads and powerfully hook in order to attack the body.

Victory . . . and it must have been ever so narrow . . . went to Henderson, and it went to him because he realised early on that Lawson's flashing left hook was the one that had to be watched. As a result he raised his right glove a couple of inches and many of Lawson's best blows were blocked or diverted away from a vulnerable spot.

GAVE AND TOOK

Both boys gave and took a lot of punishment without surrendering an inch of ground. Just to prove that all the power was not in the Lawson gloves Henderson had his man on the canvas several times during a bout which thrilled the crowd and brought forth well earned rounds of applause at the end. What a pity it was either man had to be on the losing end.

Another exciting bout was the Featherweight tussle between Sgt. Moore (RE) and local boy Wong Pak-ling (China Gym). This provided a real contrast in styles as well as a constant flow of thrills. The soldier looked a little apprehensive about the first blow in each rally but as soon as it landed he flashed back into retaliation and he was so persistent that the tough and strong Chinese boy was frequently glad to break off the exchanges.

Wong cool, confident and menacing in attitude, stalked his man relentlessly from start to finish and his dangerous swinging blows were always likely to end the bout inside the distance—if they landed—but Moore was an unwilling and elusive target and Wong's victory must have been as slim as it was popular with the big Chinese contingent in the crowd.

Another good contest was the one between Pte. Adams (1 Green Howards) and Able Seaman Parry (HMS Alert) in the Lightweight Division. Both men put everything they had into their work and after three hard and punishing rounds there was no little between them that the verdict in Adams' favour received a mixed reception.

Personally I thought he just deserved his success on account of his more calculated punching which was invariably aimed straight at the target. In the heat of the exchanges Parry tended to become speculative in his work and his blows sometimes failed to land with the same planned accuracy as those of his opponent.

Captain Gould (1 Green Howards) made an impressive first appearance in his Lightweight bout against LAC O'Connell (RAF) who is one of the real characters of our boxing world. Gould, short and stocky but with powerful arms and legs, carried the attack to his hefty opponent from the beginning and his well directed blows were in marked contrast to O'Connell's swinging right and paying left. Strong as these were when they landed. A clearcut and undisputed victory to Gould.

The final bout of the evening—a middleweight contest between soldier-boys Gilchrist and Wilson—put the right seal on the night's festivities. Both boys entered into their work with a will. They exchanged blows but Wilson soon found that his opponent had little defence against a swinging right and so well that he exploited this weakness that he was a good winner in the end.

... and now what about the debit side? The uproar which greeted the verdict after the opening bout was one of the most hostile I have heard here for a long time. To put it mildly, this was an absurd shocker, and how three good men and true sitting at the ringside adjudged Mr. Williams the winner over Cpl. Gordon I shall never know.

The crowd shouted its derision to such purpose that the announcement of the next bout was completely swallowed up in the general bedlam that ensued. Me . . . I was with the crowd every inch of the way . . . the verdict looked to be a gross miscarriage of justice.

The third bout on the programme brought Tpr. Green (7 Hussars) and Able Seaman Goodenough (HMS Tamar) into action. This was an unnecessary punishment bout due in the main to poor refereeing. Neither boxer punched correctly but blows struck with the inside and the heel of the glove during the early exchanges were allowed to pass without adequate defence and the situation was further aggravated when one of the men took a long count from what must have been very nearly a forearm blow. Green got the verdict but the crowd had lost interest in the bout long before the end.

Cpl. Hancock, the FARELF Light-Weightweight Champion, made a belated return to the ring and, short of fight-practice as he was, his performance was a bitter disappointment. In a driving effort he threw enough blows to outpace SAC Pendie but this was no championship effort.

NO OPPONENT

What was to have been the highlight of the whole show—the Dinning Bout—did not materialise as the promoters were unable to find a suitable opponent who could . . . or would . . . tackle the popular SAC. This was a big disappointment, but many will inter-

pret it as a moral victory for the man who is supposed to be on the decline.

We ran into some more indifferent refereeing in the Kan Mo Speedy Morales bout when the third man in the ring was frequently fooled by one of the oldest tricks in the game. In the early stages of the bout the referee was absolutely correct when he warned Morales on several occasions for holding and holding and hitting . . . but later on Kan Mo, who took quite a bit of punishment, turned these circumstances to his own advantage by making it look as though Morales was holding. Several times this brought an intervention from the referee and got Mo out of trouble but it also earned Morales a series of undeserved reprimands for several variations of a holding offence which he did not commit.

Finally on the debit side we had a tank bad match which put Able Seaman Riddock into the ring against Colony representative Fong Ki-kong. Riddock was soon revealed as a raw novice but, be it to his lasting credit, Fong did not take a single liberty against an opponent who did not belong in the same ring. Referee Webb quickly spotted the limitations of the sailor and stopped the uneven contest midway through the first round.

From these comments you will probably realise that the Earl Haig Fund show of 1957 had a bit of everything to satisfy the fans at the time and then keep them talking for weeks ahead . . . but it surely also provided a significant headache for the ever vigilant officials of the HKABA who did so much good work for this programme.

With the Colony Championships already on the list horizon standard of judging and refereeing. At this show only Referee Webb measured up to championship standards, but of course Sub-Lieutenant Jack Shepherd of the Royal Navy will almost certainly be available for the Championships. His experience will be invaluable and in fact essential in the most important competitions of our boxing year.

Ah, well. The Earl Haig show quite apart from its charitable purpose does nothing if not stimulate our discussions and provide virile controversy . . . but that is all for the good of the game.

HK Police Beat Macao Force 4-1

Macao, Mar. 31. Hongkong Police beat Macao Police 4-1 in a soccer match here today after leading 2-1 at half time.

The teams were introduced to the Governor, Commander Pedro Correia Barro, before the start of the match, watched by some 4,000.—Reuter.

LEAGUE CRICKET

KCC MISS CHANCE OF MAKING SURE OF CHAMPIONSHIP

Army North played good, opportunistic cricket yesterday to beat KCC by 58 runs, yet the League leaders have very much themselves to blame for losing.

The KCC's first three batsmen—Wood, Lee and Carnell—accomplished the task of taming an accurate, though not overly hostile Army North attack, and with 95 runs on the board and stable batsmen such as Coffey, Findlay, Lo and Fairhall to follow, there was every prospect that the necessary runs for an outright win would be forthcoming.

The Kowloonites were not seriously behind the clock; they needed in fact to score just over a run and a half a minute when the second wicket fell—a not difficult undertaking on a batsman's wicket and with a fast outfield.

It was at this stage that KCC tragically threw away two key wickets. Findlay was called for a second run which was as palpably risky as it was unnecessary, and he was run out.

Worse was to follow from the KCC point of view. Kenneth Lo, who had been scoring with fine consistency throughout the season, was called for a third run after a scolder had already obtained possession of the ball, and he was left stranded halfway down the pitch.

Such a reckless search for the odd run or two brought about the defeat of the League leaders, though full marks can be given the Army North bowlers who quickly seized the initiative after these unexpected KCC reversals, and had the remainder of the batsmen completely tied down.

Earlier in the afternoon the Army North captain made a generous declaration which left the KCC 140 minutes to score 179. And had not two vital wickets been thrown away by foolish judgment it is highly probable the KCC would have

got the runs; at worst they would have been held to a draw. Army North, after an extremely indifferent start, batted in a stimulating fashion and finally scored their 178 runs in 130 minutes. KCC's fielding was not up to top standard, though Fairhall's catch which dismissed Bolland after he had scored 30 was spectacular.

Ironically, or perhaps with poetic justice, Fairhall when he went in to bat became the victim of an even more brilliant catch by Horwood's square leg. Fairhall swept the ball with the full middle of his bat to leg, apparently a certain boundary; but Horwood took the high and hard hit with superb nonchalance. That catch signalled the end of KCC resistance to the Army bowlers.

The result of the game provides Optimists with a splendid chance of winning the League championship. To do so they have to beat IRC next Saturday. Should they be held to a draw or a tie the KCC and Army South will be joint champions.

It has been a keen and exciting contest for the honours, but the KCC must be feeling somewhat rueful about those two wickets they presented to Army North yesterday. It deprived them of the four points which would have secured for them the championship outright.

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NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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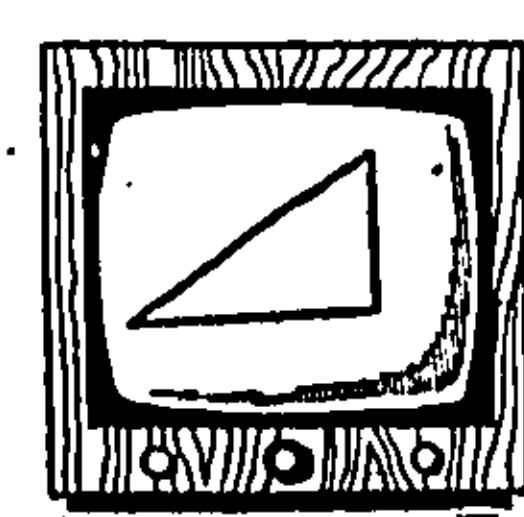
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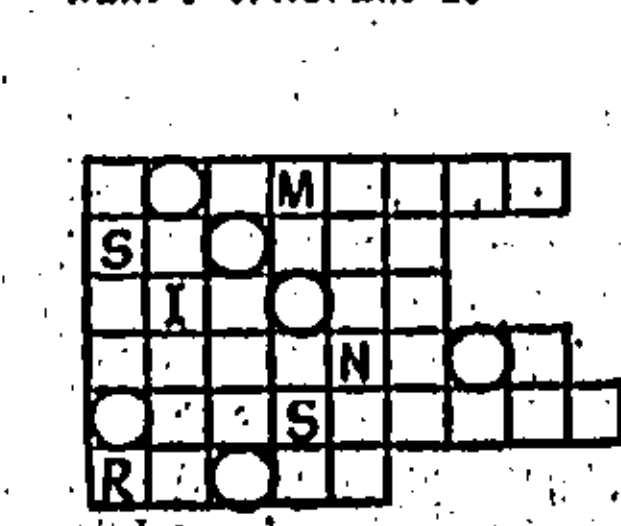
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March 29th, 1957.

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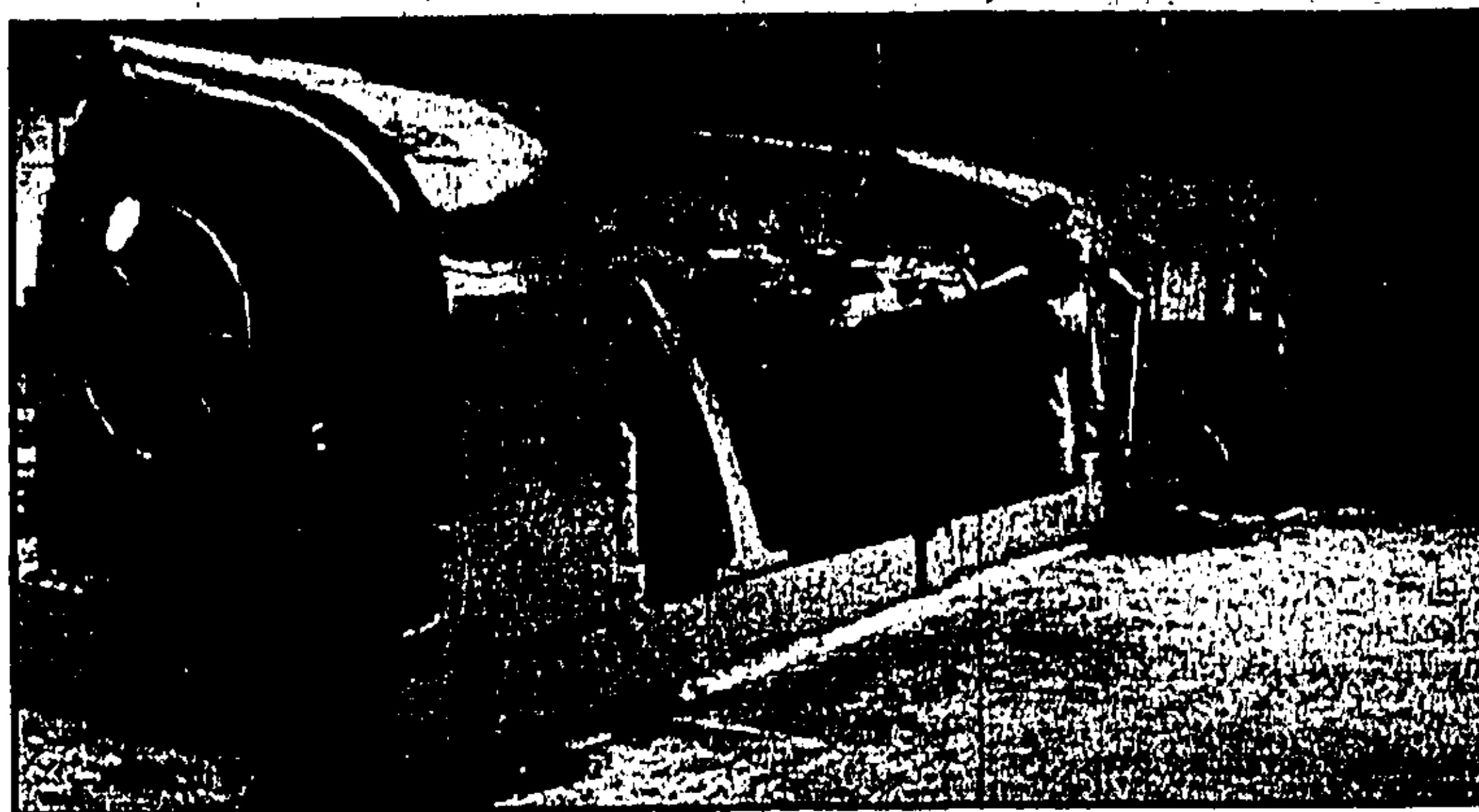
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control is initiated by move-
ment of the cutter bar.



Veneer peeling lathe at Tyne Timber & Veneers Ltd, with GEO drive incorporating automatic speed variation to compensate for the diminishing diameter of the log.

Microwave Power Has Many Uses

The radar techniques
developed in Britain during the
war have since been applied in
numerous important ways in
science and industry, said UK
atom scientist Sir John Cock-
croft during a lecture to the
Radar Association in Britain
recently.

The microwave power has
been increased a thousandfold
and a single valve can now
develop a pulsed power of
20,000 kilowatts.

This great power can be used
to produce travelling electrical
waves and electrons are made
to "surf ride" the wave, getting
speeded up in the process. So
very high energy electrons can

be produced. Other linear
accelerators use pulsed power in
a different way, producing very
high energy protons.

Microwave techniques are now
used to measure time intervals
with a precision of a thousand
millionth of a second. They
have been used in some of the
most fascinating experiments in
modern physics, which showed
that a new variety of short
lived atomic particles called
anti-protons and anti-neutrons
can be created.

They are also used to
determine the structure of
molecules and have enabled us
to develop molecular clocks as

the most precise time keeping
instruments of our universe.

Short wave radiation coming
to us from the sun, stars and
distant nebulae is collected in
paraboloids of the kind used on
a smaller scale in radar, and
used to identify solar and
celestial events. They record
the passage of sunspots, the
stellar fusion bomb explosions
known as supernovae, and the
collision galaxies.

Radar techniques applied to
sound waves are used to detect
flaws in metal rods or castings,
to determine cavities in soil
fields, to detect shoals of fish.

Continuous wave radar is
used extensively in the United
States for detection of speeding
motor cars. Similar techniques
are used to detect burglars.

LARGEST COAL TRANSPORTER AT TILBURY

The largest travelling transporter in
this country is now in full operation at the
Central Electricity Authority's new power
station at Tilbury, England.

The transporter, which was designed
and built by Mitchell Engineering Ltd, of
1, Bedford Square, London, WC1, can
spread and reclaim coal from the store at
an average rate of 800 tons per hour. The
normal average depth of coal in the store
is about 20 feet, giving a storage capacity
of about 165,000 tons.

The transporter bridge is
arranged to operate on tracks
275 feet apart and has a travel-
ling speed of 32 1/2 feet per
minute. The bridge is equipped
with a man-operated transporter
carriage fitted with a 9-ton
capacity grab. The cross speed
of the carriage is 700 feet per
minute and the hoisting speed
of the grab is 150 feet per
minute.

Automatic Gear

From the initial pile formed
by the travelling wing tripper,
coal is spread and trimmed over
the store by the grab which also
reclaims coal from the store and
delivers it to the reclaiming
conveyor through a receiving
hopper and belt feeder located
on the fixed leg of the trans-
porter bridge.

Two sets of thruster-operated
clamping gear are provided on
each of the bridge to hold it
securely in position when
necessary. This gear is
automatically operated and is
applied immediately current is
cut off from the travelling
motors. It is released before
power can be re-applied to the
motors.

The transporter bridge is of
bow string type construction
and is supported by a fixed leg
at one end and a hinged leg at

the other. The main bridge is
designed within gusset plates.
The hinged leg deals with slight
irregularities on the track and
provides for the expansion of
the bridge. To allow the bridge
to travel the length of the store
ground, each leg is mounted on
four two-wheel bogies. Two
bogies on each leg have travel-
ling motors which drive through
spur and reduction gear.

The control gear for the long
travel of the bridge is in a
cabin on the fixed leg. To
make sure that both legs travel
equally an alignment gear is
provided and is operated by
gears and cross shaft from a
travelling wheel on each side of
the bridge.

Control Panel

Any mis-alignment of the
bridge is shown by an indicator
on the control panel and, if this
is not observed, a limit switch
will cut out the travel gear if
the bridge moves more than
three inches out of line.

The main current supply to
the transporter is through a
specially designed cable reeling
drum with three, flexible
multicore cables connected in
parallel. This drum is operated
by a counterweight system, al-
ways in conjunction with
swivel type ground plug boxes
placed at intervals along the
track.

The travelling carriage is
built up of rolled steel sections
securely braced and riveted to-
gether to form a complete frame
to accommodate the mechanical
units and is supported on four
travel bogies, each arranged to
accommodate two cast steel road
wheels equipped with ball
bearings.

The grab is of the four-rope
type and the hoisting winch
operating these ropes is mounted
on the travelling carriage.
Separate drums are provided
for the grab hoisting and grab
closing ropes respectively.

AIR-COOLED DIESEL FOR LIFEBOATS

A glass fibre lifeboat
with its engine running was
lowered from a ship in Lon-
don docks recently and was
away from the vessel's side
immediately it touched the
water, writes the L.P.S.
shipping correspondent.

Because it is essential that a
lifeboat should be ready for
instant service in any weather,
the recently-introduced Petters
12 horsepower air-cooled diesel,
with its ability to be started
and running while still in the
docks, has proved ideally
suited to a lifeboat installation.

Maintenance of air-cooled
diesels is also considerably
simplified through improved ac-
cessibility and inboard starting
enables the engine to be tested
frequently without having to
lower the boat into the water
or make special deck arrange-
ments for cooling.

Water Problems

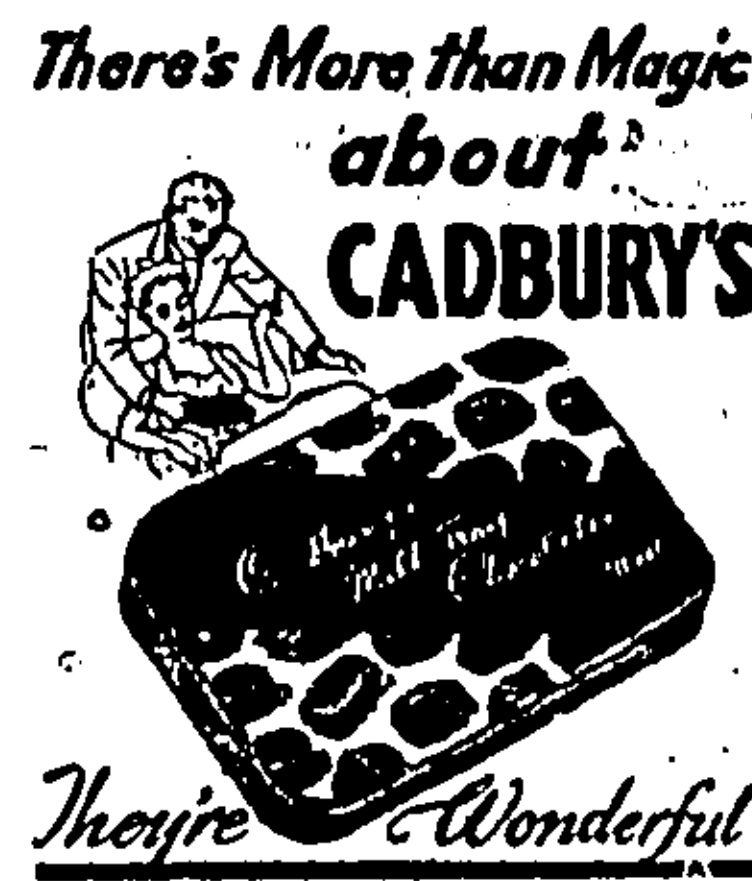
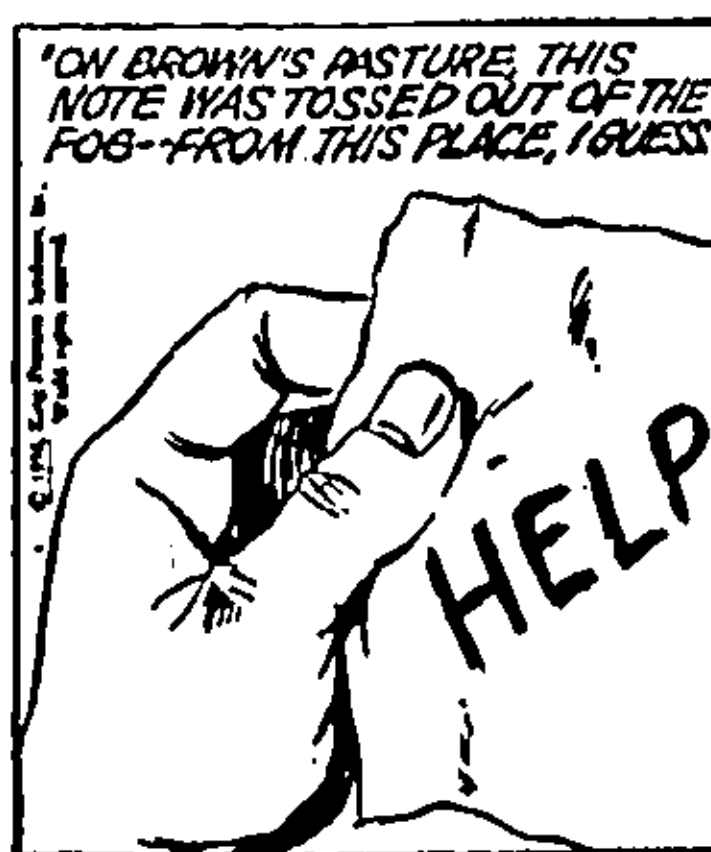
The increasing trend for air-
cooled engines in ship lifeboats
is due to the lack of water
circulating problems which ac-
count for at least 30 per cent
of maintenance tasks.

Complete versatility with air-
cooled diesels is provided for all
climatic conditions including an
air temperature range of minus
five degrees Fahrenheit to 140
degrees Fahrenheit, and con-
siderable overman interest is
being attracted by this type of
engine. More than 100 lifeboats
powered by the engine are al-
ready in service.

The makers of the engine
have available a team of
specialist engineers to tour over-
seas countries. They provide
technical training and advice
for 120 agencies throughout the
world. Spares for the new
engine are already available in
practically every country.
Petters Engine Ltd, Slough,
Middlesex, England.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



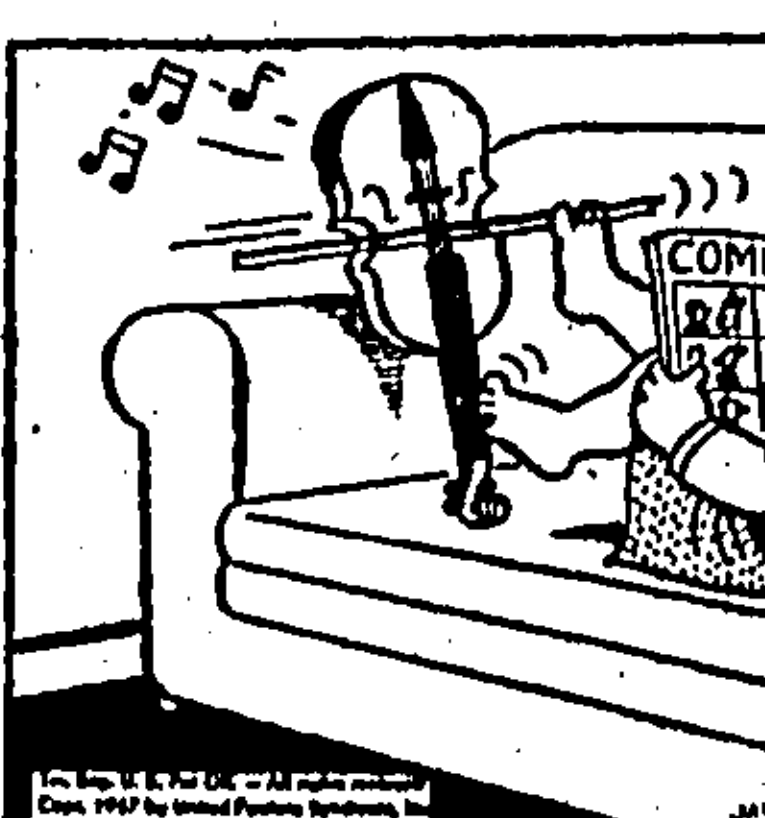
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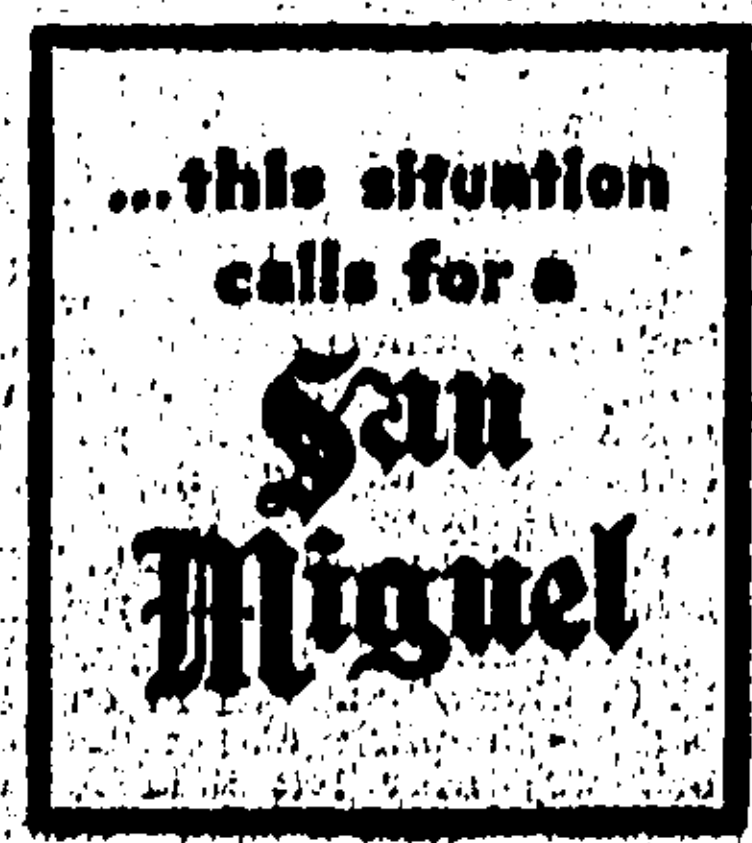
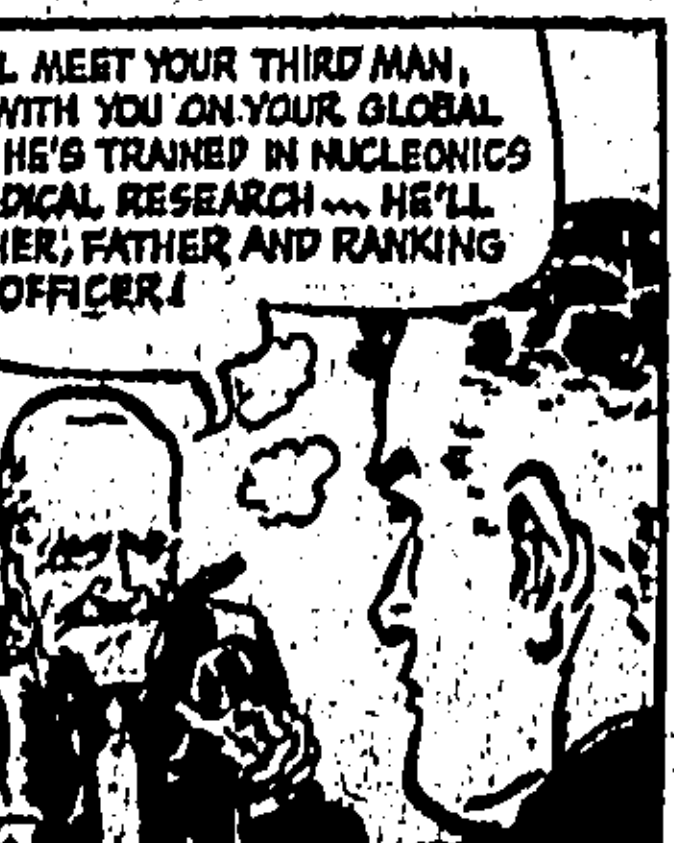
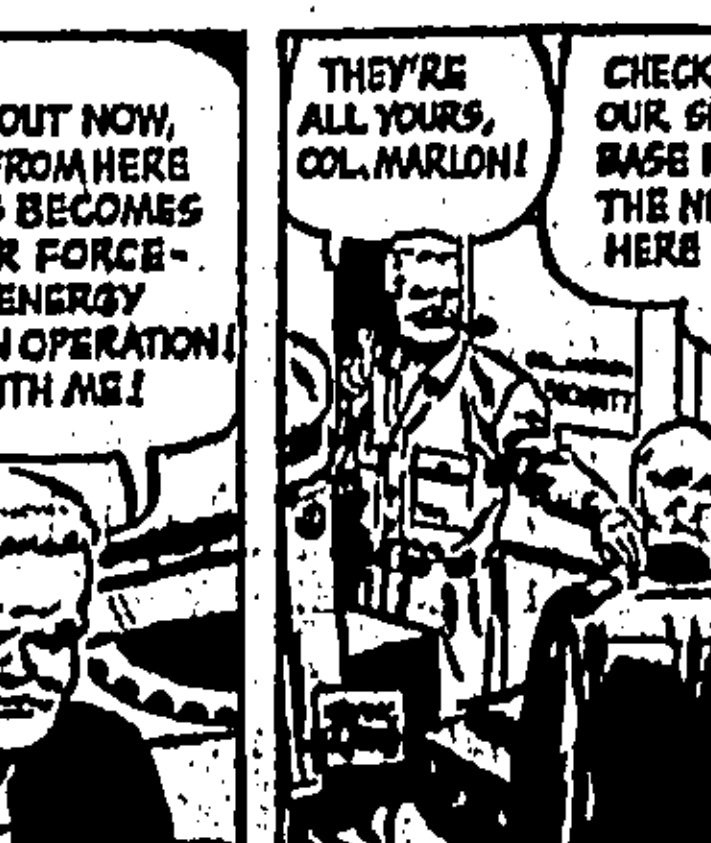
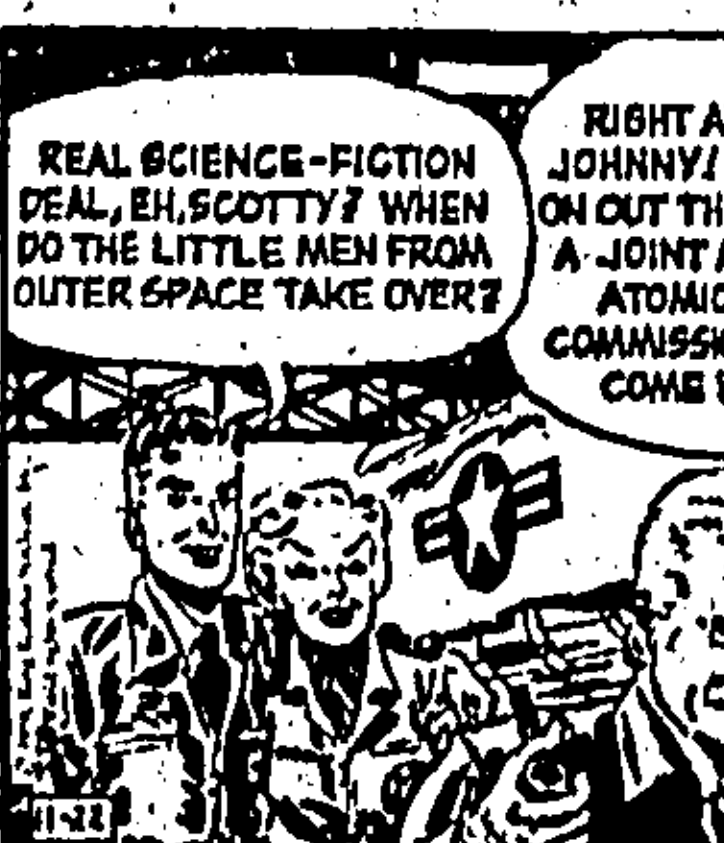
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By Errol Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

United States Trade
With Japan An
All-Time Record

By HARRY W. FRANTZ

Washington, Mar. 31.

United States commerce with Japan was at an all-time record high level in 1936, with the dollar value about triple in the best prewar years.

The United States was shipping tremendous quantities of raw materials such as coal and scrap metals, and food products to Japan, and taking larger amounts of Japanese textiles, fisheries products, and miscellaneous manufactures. The silk trade continued to expand.

United States credit and farm goods export programmes were helping Japan to obtain agricultural commodities on very good terms, and Japan's expanding and modernized industries were able to invade United States markets with widely diverse products such as sewing-machines, optical goods, watches, and jewelry. But the United States exports still greatly exceeded purchases from Japan in value.

According to Commerce Department statistics obtained by the United Press today, United States exports to Japan in 1936 were valued at \$899,040,000 compared to \$647,830,000 in 1935.

Exports to Japan increased in every post-war year except for temporary small declines in 1930 and 1935. In the pre-war period 1930 to 1930, exports to Japan averaged annually \$230,390,000.

US IMPORTS

United States imports from Japan in 1936 were \$431,940,000 compared with \$201,090,000 in 1935. Imports have risen in every post-war year. In five pre-war years 1930 to 1930, imports averaged annually only \$104,450,000.

Some of the gains in United States exports to Japan in the last year were as follows:

Exports of unmanufactured cotton increased from \$808,250 bales valued at \$121,208,000 in year 1935 to \$1,180,724 bales valued at \$180,216,000 in 1936. Exports of bituminous coal to Japan increased from 2,760,495 tons valued at \$23,888,000 to 3,178,331 tons valued at \$32,059,000.

Exports of iron and steel scrap increased from \$31,008,000 to \$97,054,000.

The greatest international interest, due to commercial com-

METALS

The United States in a single year tripled its imports of ferro-manganese, titanium metal, aluminum, manufactures and copper manufactures from Japan. Despite political resistance from U. S. fishermen and stiff competition of European and Latin American fisheries products in this market, Japan finds an expanding market for its fisheries products. Tuna, swordfish, albacore, salmon, crabmeat and a wide variety of fish, fish oils and canned products are marketed here.—United Press.

Pseudo-Cheerful
Air On London
Market Last Week

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Mar. 31.

Firm believers in the prolongation of inflation, the stock market maintained all week a pseudo-cheerful air.

It opened on Monday with a big jump in industrial shares which lifted the industrial average 4 points to 190.4, the highest it had been for 11 months. It even edged up further, to 191.8 on Wednesday, but emotions were mixed and by the close on Friday the average had fallen two points to 189.8.

Four-point rises and two-point falls, all in five trading days, are not exactly wholesome.

Everybody believes, or professes to believe, that something marvellous called "economic power" is on its way into Britain's future economy and there has been strong buying of the shares of C. A. Parsons and Reynolds; in the confusion of this week Parsons' shares fell 6 shillings and Reynolds' 7 shillings; Reynolds' financial results were disappointing but there was nothing very surprising in the discovery that the new programme is an expensive one and normally the price would have been a penny or a shilling; so great a tumble was a shock.

Chain Stores

It was a week with continued buying of chain store shares on the theory that inflation will lift their prices and profits. Woolworths, Marks and Spencer and Great Store all rose some 2 shillings. So did Ford Motor, Imperial Chemicals and Wm. Morrison. Unilever jumped 3 shillings 9 pence. Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. jumped 4 shillings to £27 1/2 sterling, approaching close to its 12-month peak of £100. An-

other British Overseas bank was also strong. Bank of London and South America jumped 5 shillings to 135 shillings, approaching its peak of 140 shillings.

Oils were a strong sector. Shell made modest gain of 1 shilling 6 pence. Royal Dutch did a little better with a shilling higher and Canadian Eagle a penny better. But British Petroleum and Burmah gained 7 shillings and that incredible market performer, Anglo-Egyptian "B" gained 4 shillings.

Suez Canal rose 1 sterling to 52 1/2. In foreign bond section the speculative Greeks were apparently in persistent demand for they gained 3 sterling and 2 1/2 sterling.

German Young Loan non-converted, gained 1 1/4 sterling, the associated only one-half sterling. Dawes Loan non-converted improved 1/4 sterling and its associated 1/2 sterling. Japanese were generally quiet though they had as usual some speculative activity.

Foreign stocks were mostly down on the week by 1 or 2 points though there were some exceptions; their premium eased 1/4 to 7 per cent.—United Press.

Deflation Replaces Inflation

US Government's Policy
Indicates A Counter To
Deflationary Dangers

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Mar. 31.

Fears about inflation in the United States subsided a bit last week. Instead experts were taking a new look at some of the deflationary aspects of the economy.

These included the following:

1. Continued layoffs in auto, appliance and equipment industries.
2. Further easing of steel production to new lows for the year for the fourth consecutive weekly decline.
3. Signs that expected spring pickup in auto sales may not materialize.
4. Sluggishness in market prices as investors continue to show more caution than some businessmen.

Ford Motor Company disclosed plans to lay off 1,700 of its workers in its St. Louis Assembly plant on April 1, along smaller cutbacks in plants in New Jersey and California. General Electric's heavy equipment plant in Erie, Pennsylvania, is dropping 250 over the next ten days because of reduced demand, and the American Window Glass Company now has some 800 of its force idled with the furnishing last week of 60 more men. Experts do not discount possibility of further layoffs in the next few months in a wide variety of industries as the full effect of reduced expenditures for new plants and equipment begins to take hold.

Steel Output

Steel output was scheduled at 92 per cent of rated capacity this past week, quite a drop from the year's peak hit in the week beginning Feb. 18, when the rate was at 97.8 per cent of rated capacity. Although steel output to date this year is still slightly ahead of the year-ago pace, the trend in 1936 was upward, in sharp contrast to the current downward move. Steel leaders are openly disappointed at the failure of the lagging auto industry to get back into the market to replenish their inventories. Some auto makers now have about two or three weeks' supply on hand, compared with a supply level of 30 to 45 days carried normally. Many are wondering, therefore, whether the auto industry will ever get back into the market for cold-rolled sheets and other steel products which make up the bulk of the industries' steel requirements. Backgrounding this pessimistic note is the failure of the spring sales pickup to market's appearance. Some car dealers, notably Ford and Chrysler have shown considerable improvement but the industry in general has not fared too well. Sales during Jan.-Feb. are off by five per cent. Auto output so far this year has been at a rate of 600,000 cars a month, slightly better than the year-ago pace. This would be equal to an output of 7.2 million in an annual basis. Ward's Automotive reports estimates that the industry planned to turn out 4.6 fewer cars in the second quarter this year than in the Jan./March quarter. Now it looks as if production schedules will be 11 per cent lower than in the first quarter. The revised production estimate "stems from failure so far of the spring sales upsurge to materialize," according to Wards.

Easing Money

There were further manifestations last week of what some circles insist is a trend toward some easing in the tight money situation.

Ward's Automotive was particularly impressed along these lines by the sale of 250 million of debentures by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. last week at a rate considerably below what experts had been forecasting of the new availability of money. It sold its 250 million issue at 4.34 per cent, whereas back in December when the issue was first announced the cost of borrowing would have been around 4.50 per cent. An investment group of 193 bankers reported a yield to 4.30 per cent and buyers were active over the weekend it was felt the issue would get to the public to yield between 4.35 per cent and 4.50 per cent.

The Industrial Wall Street Journal sees a new switch in the wind—away from inflation in the direction toward more concern with deflation.

Although it indicates that the government hasn't altogether conceded that inflation has been a fact, recent developments lead it to believe that the government may be facing the problem of deflation in a new kind of emphasis.

The Federal Reserve Board, it finds, has now discarded any thought of new expansionist measures. In addition, some thoughts are being given to reducing down payments on home purchases. Tight credit controls have been blamed for the low level of housing construction, now at an annual rate of 910,000 lowest in about eight years.

There's also more talk about possible tax reduction by Congress. All of these developments can be counted on to counter a deflationary danger rather than an inflationary one. The Wall Street Journal notes also that the Federal Reserve system has been buying rather than selling government securities in the open market, thus having the effect of pumping new money into the credit stream. If comments further:

"Chairman Martin of the Federal Reserve Board describes the Board's present policy as passive and says any easing up

to now has been inadvertent. But the very fact that the Board isn't actively restraining credit marks a shift from previous policy.

"In recent months the Reserve Board has twice considered and rejected a relatively bold anti-inflationary move—another increase in the discount rate, the fee charged by the reserve system on loans to member banks. No tinkering with the rate now seems imminent. If deflationary signs multiply, the Board's counter-attack could include a cut in the discount rate. In any case, an increase now appears out of the question....

"The Treasury's debt managers are taking easier credit symptoms so seriously that they talk of finding enough money available to put out a long-term bond issue for the first time in nearly two years....

Thus, the Journal concludes, the Board is no longer thinking about tightening credit. Instead, it adds, the question is whether to ease.

Government's Pinch

The government's pinch on the inflationary spiral appears to have some effect on American retailers, still optimistic about sales prospects for 1937. But they are worrying more and more about the pinch on profits. They insist that cost of their goods has gone up about four per cent while their own prices have increased not quite three per cent.

They are still expecting to top 1936 by about three to five per cent but the profits may not be as high.

Fortune Magazine finds that though customers are buying higher quality merchandise, buying is "gained more to needs than to promotions."

"Like their customers, the merchants are buying conservatively too—especially department stores, 45 per cent of them are under the gun, and autumn goods later than they did last year."—United Press.

The Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, Mar. 31.
The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 10, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,204,302.476
Total other cur.	14,408,489.978
Reserves	315,612,792.454
Eight balance abroad	22,771,000,000
Advance to States	22,900,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,768,599,325.500
Bills in circulation	2,981,522,346.575
Current accounts and deposits	185,000,547,970

—United Press.

The Bank Of England
Statement

London, Mar. 31.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended March 27, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	1,952,513,377
Public deposits	12,724,100
Private deposits	301,452,243
Government securities	238,406,229
Other securities	32,200,000
Current accounts and deposits	24,750,015
Ratio	7.5

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

100 dollars (par)	61.19
100 francs (par)	12.25
100 marks (par)	16.20
100 yen (par)	1.80

—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers—1 Geometry, 2 Square, 3 Circle, 4 Triangle, 5 Rectangle, 6 Rhombus, 7 Trapezoid, 8 Circle, 9 Square, 10 Circle.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$219,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank	1025		
East Asia	244		
INSURANCES			
Union	945	30	20 at 945
Lombard	3715		
SHIPPING			
Wharfedale	0.50	0.75	770 at 0.55
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock X	44		

LAND, ETC.			
HSK Hotel	14.10	14.30	
HSK Land	30	30 1/2	
Humbly	16 1/2	16.50	
HSK			
Amalg.	1.48	1.47 1/2	
Trust	1.02 1/2	1.03	
Utilities			
Tram	21.00	21.50	400 at 21.50
State	123	137	
Telegraph	102	105	
C. Light	22 1/2	22.70	1035 at 22.00
Electric	29 1/2	29.70	100 at 29.70
Macao E.	0.80	28 1/2	250 at 28.00
Telephone	24 1/2	24.70	100 at 24.70
			2500 at 24.00

INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	32 1/2	33 1/2	
Repairs, ETC.	12.00		
Daily	15.00	16.20	300 at 16.10
Watson	11.00	10 1/2	1000 at 11.00
Lane, Crow		28 1/2	
COTTONS			
Repairs, ETC.	4.07 1/2		
Nanyang	6.15	6.25	
INVESTMENTS			
Yongtze	5.85		

US COTTON
GOODS
MARKET

New York, Mar. 31.

Sellers of cotton grey goods reported another period of slow business in the last week of the first quarter.

Buyers continued to practise extra-caution, limiting new engagements to "quick" and nearby deliveries. But some market observers detected signs of an impending change in the starvation of orders affecting producers since last year.

Mentioned factors acting to generate a better underlying feeling and a belief that the "primary trade now is closer to a turning point," included: 1. A diminishing volume of lower-priced second-hand offering; 2. A strengthening determination of some mills to hold for higher prices; 3. Tightening supplies in the wake of the mill curtailment programme inaugurated some weeks ago; 4. A belief that liquidation of finished goods in the consumer pipeline has about reached the "irreducible minimum"; 5. A multiplicity of small orders coming from converters, garment makers and other goods buyers which brokers said amount to "quite a total" in the aggregate.

LATE FLURRY

Other favourable "straws in the wind, optimistic quarters felt, included the late week flurry of activity in wide square yards, where some weavers boosted prices a quarter cent a yard. Sales of work denims also showed signs of a pickup, even though a majority of garment cutters continued to "play it close to the chest." Some producers felt a spell of warm weather will witness a speed-up in denim sales since distribution channels "are fairly clean of stocks."

Sales yarn spinners also noted brightening spots in the picture. Some manufacturers, resting a comfortable order backlog, turned down low bids, contending over current schedules are unprofitable. Low level of inventories among some users was pointed up by requests for immediate delivery, while the situation looked better.

More cautious observers were not looking for any immediate upsurge in large-scale buying of yarns. Rayon grey goods sellers reported a "fair amount" of business with prices about unchanged. A quickening interest in rayon acetate and nylon sheer goods was coupled with last-minute covering by converters to meet light seasonal demands from drapery and other apparel purchasers.—United Press.

WALL STREET
STOCKS MAKE
SMALL GAINS

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Mar. 31.

Stocks netted small gains on average during the past week, were higher for the month of March, and substantially lower for the first quarter.

NEW YORK
COTTON
MARKETS
REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Mar. 31.

Cotton futures finished on higher ground for the third week in a row, with new crop deliveries taking over market leadership.

At Friday's close the list ruled one to 38 points—five cents a bale to \$1.80 bales—higher than the preceding week.

Trading moved along at a little faster pace than recently, with buying interest picking up in the deferred months, while previous sellers became more reserved.

Bolstering factors included: 1. Possibilities for a higher government loan rate on the new crop; 2. Soil Bank programme influences with the resultant prospect for a cut in production; 3. Expectations under the government programme will put a new complexion on the statistical picture at the season's end, July 31, and may result in a boost in the government support base.

Nearly deliveries lagged, meeting liquidation in May and July, or transferring of long positions to new crop months. Dullness in the textile market and quietness in the spot cotton situation were other handicaps. Moreover, some market technicians thought factors affecting the old crop picture had been discounted and that the market action hereafter would hinge more on crop news, Washington developments on farm legislation, export news or other new inventories.

Traders expecting higher prices cited the rising trend of the parity base and the outlook for a higher government loan. The mid-March parity for middling 1/2 inch rose 12 points to 36.93 cents a pound.

Statisticians figure that if the present parity is held to next July, the government loan rate for middling one-inch cotton would be around 31.89 cents a pound. The minimum interim rate, which was based on the Jan. parity, was 31.80 cents a pound.

Some quarters felt if the parity base kept on advancing over the next several months, and if the export programme makes a deep enough inroad into the surplus stock, the loan rate for next season might be around 33 cents a pound compared with the 32.74 cents based on the present crop.—United Press.

According to the Standard & Poor's 500 stock average, stocks gained five cents in this past week, gained 85 cents a share for March and lost 2.33 a share for the first three months. On the basis of the Standard & Poor's calculation, the dollar loss for the whole market amounts to about 10 billion for the first quarter.

For the past week the Dow-Jones industrial average closed at 474.81 up 1.87 points; rails 144.05 up 0.53; and utilities 71.47 up 0.09.

For March the averages showed gains of 10.10 points for industrials, rails 3.01 points and utilities 1.07 points. For the first quarter the averages showed the following losses: Industrials 24.86 points and rails 9.18 points. Utilities which last week hit a 28-year high are up 2.93 points for the year in their average.

Wall Street found many favourable items offsetting unfavorable ones during the past week.

Favourable Items

The favourable included statements by steel executives predicting higher first quarter net and some looking for a good 1937. Former Commerce prices, a Department of Commerce statement that economic activity held at the high 1936 rate in January and February; American Telephone's ability to sell 250 million debentures at a lower than previously expected rate; prediction cigarette consumption may break a record in 1937; a higher dividend for Santa Fe; Ford led motors down with a 2 1/4 point decline. Steels generally were higher, metals (irregular), and oils firm.

Among issues to rise three points or more were Arnold Constable, Carrier Corp., de Villiers, Hollander, International Utilities, Lukens Steel, Minneapolis Honeywell, National Cylindrical Gas, Shamrock Oil and Transport. Exporters said the list behaved well and some of them looked for an extension of the rise. None talked against an early possibility of a new test being made of the February 12 lows—the lows for 1937.—United Press.

Australian Wool
For Rumania

Melbourne, Mar. 31.
The Rumanian Government will import between 24 and 25 million worth of wool a year directly from Australia instead of through British agents as from next year, the leader of Rumanian trade delegation, Mr. M. Clapana, who is president of the Rumanian Chamber of Commerce, announced here. Mr. M. Clapana said that, in return, Rumania hoped to re-establish its timber market in Australia and to export textiles, chemicals, machinery, tools and food.—China Mail Special.

PHOTOGRAPHS

by our Staff Photographers

Softball at King's Park
Mission to Lepor's Flag Day
Rotary Ball at Peninsula Hotel
Police Soccer at Boundary Street
Army Fencing at European Y.M.C.A.
Oxford-Cambridge Annual Dinner at H.K. Club
Earl Haig Tournament Boxing, Macpherson Playground
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JOHN CLARKES CASEBOOK

Ones For The Road

THEY are so cheerful when you meet them in small hotels in the country, in big hotels in the towns. Trade is terrible, they say, business shocking, then, quickly to take away the taste of the bad news, "What's yours?" and they call for another round, these cheerful men, the commercial travellers.

What heads they have, what east-iron constitutions. For while you are still recovering, next morning, from the encounter with them the night before, they are brightly on their way with their cases and an assortment of business patter to beguile everyone from junior ship assistant to managing director.

THINGS GO WRONG

ALFRED was a traveller, and a good one. His father had been a parson, but when he left school he decided to go into business. He soon found the job that suited him best.

Up and down the country he went with his cases and his car, returning at week-ends to his wife and child at their home outside London. Then things began to go wrong for Alfred. He developed a taste for liquor that would not be denied. For a time he managed to hide the fact from friends, firm, family. But as his consumption of liquor went up, so did his sales—and his commission—go down.

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THE day came when he had not enough money to buy all the drink he needed. Cheques started to bounce. Alfred was one day arrested for obtaining £3 by false pretences.

At Clerkenwell court, the magistrate, Mr E. G. Robey, was told.

This man says he has become a chronic alcoholic, he has asked for help.

Alfred was remanded. The prison doctors reported that with his co-operation, he could be cured of his affliction. Alfred, a glum, mopey man of 40, nodded violently that all his co-operation would be available.

He was put on probation. The day will come, no doubt, when he will rejoin the cheerful brotherhood of travellers.

"What's yours?" they will ask him. "Gin and tonic," perhaps he will answer, adding cheerfully "without the gin."

Film Actor Dies

Santa Monica, Mar. 31. Gene Lockhart the veteran film actor who became a familiar figure in dozens of supporting roles died here today of a coronary thrombosis. He was 66.

At his bedside at St Johns Hospital were his wife Kathleen and daughter actress June Lockhart.—Reuter.

Alleged Theft Of Sweep Tickets

The alleged theft of 5,000 cash sweep tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup run on January 26 was first discovered between 1 and 2 p.m., the comprador, Mr Henry Chung, of Peak, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, (Treasurers of the Hongkong Jockey Club) told the court this morning.

Chung was testifying before Mr Simon F. S. Li at Central Court against his nephew, Chung Shiu-chun, 26, a ticket shroff of the Jockey Club, who is charged with stealing 5,000 cash sweep tickets and additionally with obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant is represented by Mr Gerald De Basto instructed by Mr L. J. D'Almada Remedios of D'Almada Remedios and Company. District Court Chief Inspector J. Hidden is prosecuting. Witness said that at between 4 and 5 p.m. he decided to withdraw the lost tickets from the draw. He said that at 1 p.m. on January 26 he received a telephone call and as a result went to the branch office of the Hongkong Jockey Club at D'Aguiar Street. On checking

the cash sweep tickets he discovered that one package containing 5,000 tickets was missing. This package contained tickets numbering 1,750,001 to 1,760,000 inclusive.

After this discovery, witness said he went to the Kowloon branch of the Jockey Club in Nathan Road. There he saw Chung Shiu-chun, two detectives and a hawk. There were also present the office staff—Lau Wah-kwan, Mok Sau-yan, Ting Chee-sheung, Van Kai-sun and another person. All these people together with himself then went to the Yau-mat Police Station to make a report.

Witness said that in the presence of defendant, he reported to the police that some tickets sold by the hawk were beyond the numbers issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club. Witness explained that all tickets drawn on the Pearce Memorial Cup were chopped with two chops, one round and the other oblong. The chopping was done at the D'Aguiar Street office, second floor.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Now listen carefully! I've got a new book here that says it's okay to spank children sometimes—that's all for now!"

Hospitals' Board Of Directors Sworn In

Public support in the form of donations, advice and criticisms was asked for by Mr Wilson T. S. Wang, Chairman of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, at the inauguration of the new Board of Directors for the year 1957-1958, at Po Yan Street this morning.

The new Board was sworn into office by the Hon. Sir Tsun-nin Chau, before a large gathering of distinguished guests and staff members.

Sir Tsun-nin wished the new Board success in the coming year. The inauguration of the Board of Directors of a large Chinese charitable organisation took place on a day which also marked the beginning of another budget year in the Colony, he said. This was only fitting as the inauguration also marked the beginning of another year's work of the hospitals.

Sir Tsun-nin expressed gratitude on behalf of the Colony to the outgoing Board of Directors headed by Mr P. T. Loong for its continuous efforts in the interests of the hospitals.

Mr Loong thanked the public and the staff members of the hospitals for their support to the outgoing Board of Directors.

Two elements Mr Wang in his inauguration speech said two elements were necessary for the charitable work of the hospitals was to be well carried out—a high degree of working efficiency and the betterment of relief work.

To raise the working efficiency, it was necessary to have proper hospital buildings and equipment, efficient staff and good management and organisation, Mr Wang said.

He said he was greatly impressed by the efficiency of the staff when he first visited the

disapidated Kwong Wah Hospital in Kowloon a few years ago.

The main project of the hospitals was the construction of two wings to replace the four wards of the present Tung Wah Hospital, which work would begin shortly, he said.

It was also expected to complete the construction of the school building for the Tung Wah No. 3 and No. 4 Schools this year.

The new Board would also concentrate on the plans for the reconstruction of the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Speaking on the staff of the hospital, Mr Wang said the Medical Welfare Committee of the hospital had recently decided to extend the terms of office of the doctors and also to send these doctors to England for a year's study after having completed five years' service in the hospital.

Separate sub-departments were also necessary for improving the management of this vast organisation, Mr Wang stressed.

Finally, Mr Wang asked members of the public to support the charitable organisation by way of donations, advice in the medical field and criticism in the work of the hospitals.

FOG DISRUPTS AIR TRAFFIC

Due to the thick fog at the airport, scheduled arrivals and departures of commercial flights were disrupted this morning.

Two flights of PAA, one from Tokyo and one from Bangkok, scheduled to arrive early this morning, were both diverted to Manila after circling over the airport for several hours.

Northwest Airlines delayed their departure from 9.30 a.m.

Today's Evidence In Trial Of 15 Alleged Rioters

Further evidence was given before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and a Special Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case of 15 men charged with rioting at Tsun Wan in October last year.

The accused are Wong Chung-yuen, 33, carpenter; Woo Pong-yu, 27, weaver; Yuen Chuen, 39, earth cooler; Law Ching, 42, tallyman; Tong Tso-tak, 28, weaver; Mak Ping-chau, 28, weaver; Keung Chung, 31, enamel worker; Yeung Kwai, 41, farmer; Chiu Kai-yuen, 26, mechanic; Ho Yun, 33, earth cooler; Liu Yick-choi, 36, cook; Wong Chou-fook, 27, mechanic; Fung Chi-wing, 24, rubber worker; Nam Kiet-ting, 42, weaver; and Wu Dit-keung, 20, spinner.

Mr M. Morley-John and Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Detective Inspector P. J. Clancy.

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. D. A. Remedios, is defending the second, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, 10th, 12th and 13th accused. The others are not represented by Counsel.

PC 2289, Ip Cheung, testified that he was a member of a Police party which went to the Pao Hsing cotton mill on the afternoon of October 11 last year.

There was a large and disorderly crowd outside the factory, witness said. He saw the 14th accused among the crowd. The 14th accused, he went on, was shouting to the mob, "Don't be afraid. Come on." He was about 10 feet from him at the time.

Witness said that on October 24 he identified the 14th accused at the Chatham Road Camp. He had never known the 14th accused before October 11.

GUARDING VAN

PC 1856, Chan Kwan-cho, who was in the same Police party, gave evidence that at one time during the disturbance outside the Pao Hsing mill he was guarding a Police van.

Witness said he, a corporal and five or six others were at the van. A crowd encircled it and there were shouts of "Burn the van" and "Attack them." He saw the 14th accused in the mob.

Chan said that the corporal pointed his sten gun at the crowd. The 14th accused pushed him (witness) from behind and told him to tell the corporal not to shoot.

Witness stated that he told the 14th accused to go away and not to make trouble.

On October 24, he identified the 14th accused at the Chatham Road Camp.

ACCUSED'S QUESTIONS

Cross-examined by the 14th accused, witness said he arrived with the Police party outside the Pao Hsing mill about 5.30 p.m. He could not remember what time he left, because he

did not have time to look at the clock then.

The 14th accused put it to the constable that he had made a wrong identification and that he was inside the mill during the whole of October 11.

Witness said he had made no mistake. He said the 14th accused touched him with his hand.

PC 1808, Chu Lin-shing, testified that he saw the 11th and the 15th accused at the Pao Hsing factory. He said the 11th was carrying a square tin on his shoulder and was running into the mill.

Witness said he ran after the 11th accused. Inside the mill, the tin fell from the accused's shoulder to the ground. He smelt kerosene. The 11th accused ran out of the building.

Chu said he saw the 15th accused holding stones outside the Pao Hsing mill and shouting.

Questioned by Mr D'Alton, witness admitted that in a previous trial case he had made some incorrect identifications in Court because he did not know that the places of the prisoners had been changed.

In reply to a question by the 16th accused, Chu said he did not actually see him slinging or breaking into the mill.

Hearing is proceeding.

Court Told Of Search For Missing Colleagues

Evidence of factory workers from Tsun Wan looking for their missing colleagues at the mortuary after the riots last October was given by a Police Inspector at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

On trial before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a Special Jury is another factory worker, Chan Hon, 30 charged with the murder of Lam Tak-san on October 13 last year, the day Lam succumbed to injuries received two days earlier in Tsun Wan.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector M. J. Connelly.

Appearing for the accused is Mr H. L. Hu, instructed by P. L. Lam and Co.

Inspector Lam Shung-kui testified that two men named Lau Wing and Chiu King-chuen went to the Kowloon Mortuary and told him they were looking for some of their fellow workmen from Tsun Wan who were admitted to hospital because of injuries and who had died. The two men asked to be shown photographs of the corpses of

the Kowloon riots. One of the photographs he showed them was that of the deceased, Lam Tak-san. The men knew him and had said he was missing.

Inspector Connelly told of the charging of the accused with rioting at the premises of the Federation of Trade Unions in Tsun Wan on October 11. He said the accused was charged at Chatham Road camp on November 28.

In his statement which was read by interpreter Poon Yufal, the accused admitted that charge.

Hearing is proceeding.

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